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A new feature in the PRIMARY QUARTERLY, which will be very greatly appreciated by the little people, is the pictures for coloring, given in some of the Lessons. "Something to Draw" has been popular; but now the water color brush or the crayon will come in, as well as the pencil.

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## At the Beginning

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

The beginning of a year; little beginners in Bible knowledge; the beginning of the Bible. Every mother that has little ones who snuggle into her lap to have their "lesson" taught them, will feel peculiar delight in this happy conjunction of beginnings, and will seek to make the very best of the fifty-two Sundays, to teach those eager little learners all she can of the ways of God with men in those far-off days of which the Bible tells.

Let this one word of counsel be offered: Do not think it necessary to explain everything. The door into the heart of the great heavenly Father is easy to babes. Teach the children the story of what God said and did; it may safely be left to make its own way.

That story, for the present Quarter, is varied and fascinating.

It begins when there was no one, nor nothing, but God; and tells how, by the word of His almighty power, He made all things of

nothing, and how He fitted up this beautiful world for man's dwelling-place, and put it in his care; for He had created man in His own likeness, sinless as He Himself was.

It was a beautiful garden, called Eden, where Adam and Eve, the first man and the first woman, were placed; and they were happy in it all the day long,—all the time happy, because they were always good: they had never sinned. The children will listen with sad hearts—but it is best that they should know—how sin came into the garden, and how Adam and Eve were driven out, ashamed and afraid. You will not forget to tell them of the wonderful promise which God made, to cheer their hearts, of One who would conquer sin.

How much Adam and Eve needed to be cheered and upheld, the children will soon learn, when they hear the awful story of Cain and Abel, which comes next; and how that same loving God upheld Noah and his family, when, because of the wickedness of the world, God destroyed all but them with a flood of waters.

Abram comes next, and a thrilling series of "camping stories;" for he and his children after him, for many a generation, lived in tents. How God called him to leave home and friends, and go into a strange land, which He would show him; how he went, traveling from place to place, just as God told him; the good things God promised him, and through him, to all the world—best of all, the blessed Saviour; how generous he was to Lot, his nephew, and how foolish was Lot's choice, and how earnestly Abraham pleaded with the Lord to save the wicked city into which Lot had gone: all this will be eagerly listened to, and the stories of Isaac, the peace-

maker, and of the crafty Jacob, his son, who wronged his brother, and suffered so grievously for it.

When the Quarter is finished, the little ones may not put it in so many words ; but the Lessons will surely have taught them, as the Golden Text for the Quarter says, that, "*The Lord knoweth them that are His.*"

### Twenty Times a Day

Twenty times a day, dear,  
 Twenty times a day,  
 Your mother thinks about you,  
 At school, or else at play.  
 She's busy in the kitchen,  
 Or she's busy up the stairs ;  
 But like a song her heart within,  
 Her love for you is there.

There's just a little thing, dear,  
 She wishes you would do,  
 I'll whisper, 'tis a secret ;  
 Now, mind, I'll tell it you :  
 Twenty times a day, dear,  
 And more, I've heard you say,  
 " I'm coming in a minute,"  
 When you should at once obey.

At once, as soldiers instant  
 At the motion of command ;  
 At once, as sailors seeing  
 The captain's warning hand.  
 You could make the mother happy  
 By minding in that way,  
 Twenty times a day, dear,  
 Twenty times a day.  
 —Margaret E. Sangster

### How the Children Helped

By Esther Miller

Mrs. M—— came home from church one Sunday morning in a hopefully determined mood. The minister had made an appeal for the India famine orphans. " Eighteen dollars would support a child for a year," he had said ; and why could not her children do this themselves ?

She had always tried to interest her four bright juveniles in the cause of missions, with but small success. The needs of the heathen

seemed beyond the grasp of the little ones, just because their own lives were so full of blessings. The contemplation of millions of human beings growing in spiritual darkness did not move them.

The mother had long realized, that this was not because their little hearts were not kind and loving, but because they needed some particular object towards which their sympathies might go out. If she could only establish some active, vital relationship between her children and those less blessed, she felt sure that their interest would be aroused. And here was the object required. They would " adopt " a famine orphan. She had already spoken to the minister, chosen a name from the list, and now it remained only to see how the little ones at home would take to the new enterprise.

She disclosed her secret, when they were all seated about the dinner table. Instantly, eager enthusiasm met her. Of course they would adopt the poor little boy. Here was something real and tangible, something capable of calling forth their sympathies. The little boy was hungry ; he needed clothes ; he had no father nor mother to love and care for him ; he did not even know that Jesus loved him ; he was dependent upon them for so many blessings.

There was no more trouble over inculcating a love of foreign missions in the hearts of those children. The little famine orphan did it all. Mrs. M—— wrote to the missionary who had him in charge, and received in reply a picture of the little boy, and a letter describing him. The picture was set up on the parlor mantel with a little mite box in front of it. On this box the family artist inscribed, in wonderfully illuminated letters, LACKWA, the adopted child's name ; and many a cent, and five or ten cent piece, that might have gone for candy, or popcorn, or some other selfish pleasure, was slipped into " Lackwa's Box " instead. The children soon came to look upon him as a member of the family ; they wrote him letters ; and when he learned to write, they received answers. On his birthday they gave him a party, inviting all their little friends, and set a place for him at the head of the table, with the mite box on his chair. Instead of bringing presents, each

guest dropped a gift of money into Lackwa's box. This sum was given as an extra contribution, for the children very properly declared it would never do to accept help in the support of a member of the family.

At the end of two happy, helpful years, word came that Lackwa had now grown self-supporting. The M—— family felt actually bereaved, and all decided that they must immediately adopt another child to take his place; and before the year was out a little sister was added to the adopted list, for so greatly had the hearts of the M—— family expanded.

Thus did one mother solve the problem of interesting her children in foreign missions, and, at the same time, besides leading them to do kind and loving deeds, brought upon them a blessing that followed them through life—their heavenly Father's approval.

Who Was She ?

There was once a rich man who had a very faithful servant who looked after all his affairs. One day the master said to the servant, "I want you to go to my old home in a far country and bring a wife for my son from my own people."

So the servant took ten camels, and started off. He reached the place one evening, and stopped at a well to water his camels. Then he prayed to God, that the maiden whom he would ask to draw up water for him might be the one he was to take home for his master's son. Just as he finished praying, a very beautiful maiden came down to the well, and watered his camels; and when the servant asked her name, he found she was the very one he had come for. So, after he had visited her people, the servant took her home, and she married his master's son. *What was the name of the maiden ?*

"He Makes Me Good"

Someone said to me the other day, when speaking of a child and his teacher, "He is very fond of her, though she is very strict with him, and punishes him far more than I do." A child has no respect for the person, however fond and indulgent, who fails to inflict

deserved punishment. The weak, over-indulgent mother, who has not the courage to inflict present pain to save her child from future ill, will scarcely succeed in winning a patronizing affection from him, while his whole better nature will go out in admiring devotion towards the sterner parent who insists upon the best that is in him. A little boy once said to rue of his father, "I love him because when I am naughty he makes me good."

If children can be shown that the correction given to them has for its object the making of them good, and consequently at peace with themselves and all about them, they will not be likely to resent it, or to bear a grudge to those who administer it. It is not so with punishment given unjustly or arbitrarily, or simply as a relief to the temper of the one who punishes. Children are quick to detect the injustice and weakness displayed in such treatment, and to judge accordingly, and in bestowing their rewards they make no mistakes.

—Sunday School Chronicle

Beautiful Table Customs

Quite recently I visited a German widow living in a delightful country seat, with a little son of eight and a daughter of five. As we sat down to the well-spread table, the little boy, folding his hands and closing his eyes, thanked our Father in heaven for the food before us, and asked Him to bless it. Then the little girl in childish accents repeated: "Lord Jesus, be our Guest. Come, and this table bless, and do us good." The little ones were taught by their pious mother to think whom they were addressing.

At several places where we visited in Scotland, the youngest child at the table asked the blessing, and the memory of those sweet, low, reverential childish voices haunts us yet, as the echo of some rich carol.

In some families there prevails the beautiful custom of joining in the Lord's Prayer at breakfast; and in one that we visited often last summer, this was sometimes omitted, and in its place the twenty-third Psalm recited. For a Sunday morning, after a week of plenty and joy, what can be more suitable ?

In other families the silent blessing is the

custom ; and very touching it is, too, for it seems to make us realize that God is, indeed, near, when we can give Him thanks, though our lips move not.—Exchange

### Baby's Gone to Sleep

The flames dance in the fireplace,  
A glow comes from the log,  
And hard by in his fuzzy grace  
There stands a woolly dog.  
From spare room to the cellar low  
There reigns a silence deep ;  
The twilight shadows come and go :  
The baby's gone to sleep.

A train steams 'cross the dining room,  
Two shoes are in its track ;  
A bear's tied to the kitchen broom,  
A horse lies on its back.  
In grass-land, near the bookcase tall,  
There stands a flock of sheep :  
What means this muss in room and hall ?  
The baby's gone to sleep.

### The Narrow Ditch That Was Too Wide

Whatever big brother Clarence did, little brother Teddy tried to do. Wherever big brother Clarence went, little brother Teddy wished to go.

"I hope," said grandma, "that Clarence will always do right, because if he doesn't, what will become of Teddy?"

"Why, grandma, I'll tell him to be good," Clarence put in. "If I'm a bad man when I grow up, I'll say, 'Be good, Teddy; be good.'"

Grandma laughed, but shook her head. "That won't do, Clarence," she insisted. "Wherever you go, Teddy will go with you; you'll see. You must always do right, Clarence, for the sake of your little brother."

Aunt Helen invited Clarence and Teddy to a lawn party the following afternoon. The boys were ready early. Clarence wore a fresh linen suit with a scarlet tie, and looked very fine. Teddy was dressed in spotless white.

"Got on a bow dess like big buddy's," he insisted, with a loving glance at his brother and giving his scarlet ribbon a pat at the same time.

Hand in hand the little fellows walked through the meadow, climbed the stile, and were half way to Aunt Helen's, when they reached a narrow ditch. There was a board across it. Clarence, without a glance at the board, easily jumped over the ditch. His toes were muddy when he scrambled up the bank.

"Now, watch me!" and Teddy began to swing his arms just as Clarence did.

"O, no!" warned the big brother. "You're too little, Teddy, don't you try it. You go on the board!"

It was too late. The little brother was in the muddy ditch. There was a scattering of polly-wogs, and a loud splash.

"O, dear, I'm all dirty!" wailed the little brother. "O, det me out! Det me out!"

Clarence couldn't help getting himself covered with mud from top to toe as he helped Teddy out of the ditch.

"You bad boy, Teddy!" he scolded. "Why didn't you do what I told you to? Why didn't you walk on the board?"

"Why dinint you walk on de board, den?" sobbed Teddy, and then he began to cry in earnest. O how he did weep and wail! Clarence couldn't make him stop. Grandma heard him, and his mother heard him, before he was more than half way home.

"O, what can the matter be?" cried his mother, and "O, what can the matter be?" echoed grandma, as they rushed across the meadow to meet the boys. Such looking boys!

"Are you hurt, Clarence? Are you hurt, Teddy?" called their mother, and when she found that neither of the boys was hurt, she couldn't go another step, but just sat down and laughed, until Clarence cried, too.

"How did it ever happen?" she asked.

"I do what big buddy do, but only his legs are longer!" exclaimed Teddy.

Clarence laughed through his tears. "That's true, grandma," he added; "and I know what you mean now."

"Well, Teddy, don't cry any more," begged grandma. "See, big brother has stopped crying, and mud will wash off."

When the boys were once more ready for the party, Teddy said, with a happy smile, "Big buddy say he walk on de board dis time."—Western Christian Advocate

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## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1907

I. SINGING. Hymn 509, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2, 3. (Here are the first three verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Quarter. All its seven verses should be learned verse by verse—learned by singing them,—until the little ones know it completely by heart.)

God, who made the earth,	God, who made the grass,
The air, the sky, the sea,	The flower, the fruit, the tree,
Who gave the light its birth,	The day and night to pass,
Careth for me.	Careth for me.

God, who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is He  
Who, when life's clouds come on,  
Careth for me.

II. PRAYER (all standing).

III. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

*Teacher.* Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad ;

*Class.* Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

*Teacher.* Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein :

*Class.* Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

*Teacher and Class.* Before the Lord.

IV. HYMN FOR QUARTER (in part). Psalm Selection 97, Book of Praise (see Lesson XIII.).

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn, two verses at a time, and repeat Scripture Memory Passage, "The King of Glory," Psalm 24.

VI. THE MISSIONARY QUESTION 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.)

VII. MARCHING HYMN, while the offering is received. (Tune, Hymn 553, Book of Praise.)

Hear the pennies dropping,	Dropping, dropping, dropping,
Listen while they fall ;	Hear the pennies fall ;
Every one for Jesus,	Every one for Jesus,
He will get them all.	He will get them all.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. LESSON HYMN (see each Lesson).

X. GOLDEN TEXT, to be repeated until thoroughly learned.

XI. PRAYER SONG. Hymn 580, Book of Praise. (Sing softly with heads bowed and hands clasped.)

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

XIII. CLOSING HYMN, 573, Book of Praise, v. 3.

We listen to Thy Word	Go with us when we part,
On this Thy holy day,	And to each youthful heart,
Bless all that we have heard	Thy saving grace impart
On this Thy holy day.	On this Thy holy day.

XIV. THE LORD'S PRAYER in concert.

Genesis 1 : 1-25—Memory Verses, 1-3.

**Golden Text**—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Genesis 1 : 1.

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void ; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 3 And God said, Let there be light : and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that *it was good* : and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament : and it was so.
- 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear : and it was so.
- 10 And God called the dry land Earth ; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas : and God saw that *it was good*.
- 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth : and it was so.
- 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind : and God saw that *it was good*.
- 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night ; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years :
- 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth : and it was so.
- 16 And God made two great lights ; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night : *he made the stars also*.
- 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.
- 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness : and God saw that *it was good*.
- 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- 20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind : and God saw that *it was good*.
- 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
- 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- 24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind : and it was so.
- 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind : and God saw that *it was good*.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

Once there was no such beautiful world as we now live in. But God lived in heaven, even then—for there was never a time when there was no God—and, at the beginning of time, He made all things out of nothing. At first, the world had no shape or form, but was covered with water, and black darkness was round about it all. When God said, "Let there be light," all the thick clouds disappeared, and there was light ; and God divided the light and the darkness evenly, so that there was the first day and the first night.

On the second day, God divided the waters

of the clouds that come down when it rains, from the waters on the earth ; and on the third day He said, "Let all the waters on the earth be gathered together into separate places"; and so the seas and the lakes and the rivers were formed, and the dry land appeared. And God called the dry land, earth. But there was nothing growing on it—the land was bare. So God spoke again, and things grew out of the ground—soft, green grass, and flowers that were beautiful to look at, and grain and vegetables, and small and great trees.

Afterwards God placed the sun in the sky,



and bade it shine all day, and go from one end of the world to the other, to mark the days and seasons and years. And God also made the moon to lighten the world at night, and He covered the sky with stars ;—all this was done on the fourth day.

There were as yet no animals living on the earth. Now God made these also. He spoke, and the waters were filled with fish—more than could be counted, and they were of all kinds and sizes, from the very smallest up to great whales. And God also made birds to fly in the air, and to swim in the water. Thus the earth was filled with living creatures, cattle and beasts and creeping things—all different, and all with some good use.

And God saw that everything He had made was good, and He bade His creatures multiply and increase on the earth.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who lived before anything was made ?  
 2. Out of what did He make all things ? 3. What was the world like at the first ? 4. What did God make on the first day ? 5. What did He call the light ? 6. What did He call the darkness ? 7. What was made on the second day ? 8. What happened to the waters and the land on the third day ? 9. What did God command to grow upon the earth ? 10. What did God place in the sky on the fourth day ? 11. What were the first living creatures which God made ? 12. What creatures did He make afterwards ? 13. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Story

Harry had gone with his father to visit a friend of his who was an artist, and as the

two men were talking he began exploring the room. In one corner was a big box full of something ; so inquisitive Harry stuck his hand into it. " Nasty, horrid stuff !" he cried, as he brought it out all muddy and dirty. But Harry opened wondering eyes, as the artist took out a lump of the moist clay, and showed him how, with his fingers, he could form out of the shapeless mass any beautiful figure which his mind thought of.

### Lesson Hymn

God, who made the earth,  
 The air, the sky, the sea,  
 Who gave the light its birth,  
 Careth for me. Amen.  
 —Hymn 509, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD GIVES ME MY HOME

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. Who made you ? God made me. 2. Who is God ? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a father is God ? God is a good and loving Father.

SHORTER CATECHISM—39. What is the duty which God requireth of man ? A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience ? A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

### The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, KOREA.) 1. Where is Korea, and when was it opened to the gospel ? Korea, the Hermit Nation, is a country on the far East coast of Asia, jutting out into the sea, near Japan. Its borders touch China and Russia. Korea was first opened to the gospel in 1884.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the sun, sky, earth and sea in the picture, and think how great and good God is who made them all. He wants us to be very happy in the beautiful world He has given us.



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## Lesson II.

## MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD January 13, 1907

Genesis 1 : 26 to 2 : 3. Study Genesis 2 : 4-25—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

**Golden Text**—God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.—Genesis 1 : 27.



made, and, behold, *it was very good.* And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Ch. 2 : 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made ; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it : because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The beautiful world which God had made, with its seas and lakes and rivers, its grass and trees and flowers, its hundreds and thousands of living things, with the sun and moon and stars to lighten it by day and by night, was now finished ; and at last God made the greatest and most wonderful thing of all—He made man. We are told that God took some of the dust of the earth and shaped out of it a man ; and breathed into his nostrils, and gave him life, and a soul which could think and understand.

And God brought to Adam all the beasts of the field and the fowl of the air, to see by what names he would call them.

But the man, whom God called Adam, was alone in the world, with the beasts and the birds, with no one like himself to talk to ; so God said He would make a woman also, to live with him, that he should not be alone.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness : and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it : and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed ; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat : and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had

And God caused Adam to fall fast asleep, and He took one of the ribs out of Adam's side, and made out of it a woman, to be a friend and companion to the man. And the woman was called Eve.

And God said to the man and the woman, "I have given you dominion over all the creatures I have made ; and for your food the herbs and fruit trees which are growing upon the earth. The green herbs, too, will be food for the beasts and fowls and creeping things."

Thus, on the sixth day, God finished making the world, both the sky and earth, and everything that lives in them. And God saw that everything He had made was good ; and on the seventh day He rested from His labors and made nothing more. So God blessed the seventh day and set it apart for a holy day of rest, to be kept and remembered by His

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people as the Sabbath of the Lord their God, when they were to cease from work, so that they might have time to worship God, and give thanks to Him for all His blessings. Thus, at first, the seventh day of the week was kept as the Sabbath; but after Jesus rose from the dead, the Sabbath was changed to the first day of the week.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the most wonderful thing that God made?
2. When did He make man?
3. In whose likeness was man made?
4. What name did God give the first man?
5. Who gave names to the beasts and fowls?
6. Whom did God make, to be with Adam?
7. What was the woman's name?
8. Who were to have rule over the lower animals?
9. What was given to man for his food?
10. What, for the other creatures on the earth?
11. What did God do on the seventh day?
12. For what did He set apart that day?
13. How should the Sabbath be spent?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Madge and Grant were staying at the seaside, where they spent most of their time building castles on the sand. One evening, as they sat with mother on the veranda, their heads began to nod; so mother said, "Now, we'll have our song, and then away to bed. How will, 'Little Builders,' do, after all the castles that went up to-day?" And Madge and Grant sang heartily,

"Little builders all are we,  
Building for eternity."

"Mother," asked Madge afterwards, "what kind of castles do we build when we say it is 'for eternity'?"

"God has given you a sound, healthy body to live in," mother explained, "and He wants

you to build it up strong and beautiful for Him. And in your body He has placed a soul, in which to build up good and loving thoughts and feelings. It takes a great deal of care to make this body and soul grow perfect like the heavenly Father who gave them."

### Lesson Hymn

The God of glory down to men  
Removes His blest abode;  
He dwells with men; His people they,  
And He His people's God. Amen.  
—Hymn 201, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE LIKE HIM

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—4. Can you see God? No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me. 5. Why can you not see God? Because God is a Spirit, and has not a body as we have.

SHORTER CATECHISM—41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments? A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

### The Question on Missions

2. What are the Koreans like, and what do they worship? They are much like the Chinese in looks, but instead of the queue, they arrange the hair in a "top-knot" on the top of the head. Besides, they wear white clothes. They worship the spirits of dead ancestors, and "qui-sin" (demons).

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

See how perfectly you can copy the text printed here. It is part of the Fourth Com-

# Remember the Sabbath day

mandment. A very beautiful day the Sabbath is for us in our happy homes and bright Sabbath Schools—the very best day of all the week. We may well call it the Queen of days.

## Lesson III.

## MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S PROMISE

January 20, 1907

Genesis 3 : 1-6, 13-15. Study the chapter—Memory Verse, 15.

**Golden Text**—For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.—1 Corinthians 15 : 22.

did eat. 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field ; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life :

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed ; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When God had made the first man and woman, He placed them in the lovely Garden of Eden, and bade them take care of it. There was a beautiful river in the garden, and many trees which were pleasant to look upon. God told Adam and Eve that they might eat freely of the fruit of every tree save one,—a tree that grew in the midst of the garden. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said to Adam that if he should eat of the fruit of this tree, he should surely die.

Now, the serpent, which was the most cunning of all the creatures which God had made, thought that he could tempt the man and the woman to do wrong. He came into the garden when the woman was alone, and said to her, " Why do you not eat some of the fruit of this beautiful tree ? " The woman replied, " We may eat the fruit of every tree in the garden except this one ; but God has

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden ?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden :

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die :

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her ; and he did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done ? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I

forbidden us to eat of it, and, if we disobey God, He has said we shall surely die."

But the serpent answered, " You shall not surely die. The fruit of the tree will only make you wise, so that you will be able to distinguish between good and evil." And Eve looked at the fruit ; and it seemed so good, that she wondered if what the serpent said could be true. At last, she put out her hand and picked some of it and ate it ; then she gave some to Adam, and he also ate it.

But after they had eaten, they knew they had done wrong, and were afraid to meet God ; so they hid themselves among the trees of the garden. But God, who sees and knows all things, called to Adam and said, " Hast thou eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat ? " Then Adam began to make excuses, and said, " The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, gave me the fruit, and so I ate it." And

the woman said, "The serpent told me the fruit was good, and so I ate it."

And God was very much displeased, and said to the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou and thy kind shalt crawl upon the earth all thy days; and men shall hate thee and shall try to kill thee, and thou shalt be cursed for ever."

At the same time, God promised that He would send One who would undo the harm done by the serpent. This One was Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did God place the man and woman whom He had made?
2. Of what did He give them permission to eat?
3. What did He forbid them to eat?
4. Who came to tempt the woman in the garden?
5. What did he say?
6. What did the woman answer?
7. What did the serpent then say?
8. What did the woman do?
9. To whom did she give of the forbidden fruit?
10. What did Adam and Eve do next?
11. Why did they do this?
12. Who spoke to Adam?
13. What question did He ask of him?
14. What was Adam's reply?
15. What excuse did the woman make?
16. What did God say to the serpent?
17. What promise did God make?
18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Father had just come home from abroad, and the children were greatly excited at the thought of the surprises there must be in the trunks which had been carried upstairs. But their curiosity had to wait till after tea. "Now," said father, when they had finished, "Jim, you can go up and bring down the boxes which are on my bureau—the big black one for yourself, and the pink and blue one for Dot and Nell,—but don't touch the other one."

Yes, there they stood in a row! But what a funny looking box "the other one" was, Jim thought. He picked it up curiously, when suddenly the lid fell off, and he was enveloped in a cloud of something, that got into his eyes and ears and nose, making him shriek with pain. His father rushed up. "Ah, you've been meddling with grandfather's snuff, Jim! Disobedience has brought its own punishment."

### Lesson Hymn

Soldiers of Christ! arise  
 And put your armor on!  
 Strong in the strength which God supplies  
 Through His eternal Son;  
 Strong in the Lord of hosts,  
 And in His mighty power:  
 Who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
 Is more than conqueror. Amen.

—Hymn 246, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. **Where is God?** God is everywhere. 7. **What does God know?** God knows all things. 8. **What does God know about you?** God knows everything I think, say, or do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—43. *What is the preface to the ten commandments?* A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

### The Question on Missions

3. What about the boys and girls of Korea? The boys are much thought of by the parents, and are sent to school, but the girls are loved less, are not educated, and are made to work hard. The children all honor their parents. Their homes are small and cheerless.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What a fine tree, covered with leaves and loaded with fruit! It teaches us that God



wants our lives to be full of loving, useful deeds. *Color the leaves and the fruit.*

**I Have Learned Today**  
 THAT I NEED A SAVIOUR

Genesis 4 : 3-15. Study the chapter—Memory Verses, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.—1 John 3 : 15.



findeth me shall slay me. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

After God, in His anger, had spoken to the serpent, He said to Adam and Eve, "Because you have disobeyed Me, and eaten of the fruit of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat, you also, and your children as well, shall be punished."

"You," He said to Adam, "shall work early and late to till the ground, so that you may have food to eat, and your days will be hard and full of trouble till you die. For now all men must die, because you have thus sinned against Me." The woman, too, was to have much sorrow and suffering.

And God sent Adam and Eve away out of the Garden of Eden, where they had been so happy; and He placed cherubim and a flaming sword in front of it to guard it, so that they could never go back again.

But although they had been so wicked, God still loved them, and gave them two sons to comfort them; and they called one of the sons Cain and the other Abel. When the sons grew up to be men, Abel was a keeper of sheep, while Cain was a farmer and cultivated the ground. One day, when Cain's

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And A'bel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto A'bel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with A'bel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against A'bel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is A'bel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that

findeth me shall slay me.

grain and fruit had grown, he brought some of these to give to the Lord as an offering, and Abel also brought an offering of sheep from his flock.

God was pleased with Abel's offering, because Abel had faith in God; but He was not pleased with Cain's offering. Cain was filled with anger, and his face grew very dark. And God said, "Why are you angry? If you do right and try to please Me, your offerings will be accepted. You should not allow jealous and angry thoughts to remain in your heart, lest they become too strong for you to conquer."

But Cain nursed his wicked feelings, until one day, when they were in the field, he struck his brother to the ground and killed him. Then God called to Cain and asked, "Where is Abel, thy brother?" One evil deed often leads to another, and now Cain sinned again, for he told God a lie. He said, "I do not know. Why should I take care of my brother?"

And God was angry with Cain, and punished him by making him a wanderer upon the earth till he died, and all his days were filled

with toil and sorrow. Cain complained that this punishment was too great for him to bear. He was not sorry for his sin, nor did he ask God's forgiveness; he was only afraid of being killed by people who should find out what he had done. But the Lord, in mercy, set a mark upon Cain, lest any one should kill him, and Cain went away from his home, to live in the land of Nod, to the east of Eden.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. How did God punish Adam and Eve for their disobedience?
2. How did He show that He still loved them?
3. What were the names of their two sons?
4. What was the occupation of each?
5. What did Cain bring to the Lord?
6. What did Abel bring?
7. With which offering was God pleased?
8. Why?
9. What feeling sprang up in Cain's heart?
10. What did God say to Cain about his anger?
11. What dreadful thing did Cain do one day?
12. Who asked him about Abel?
13. What did Cain answer?
14. What did God then say to him?
15. What complaint did Cain make?
16. How did God protect Cain?
17. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

Bennie had been playing all day with his blocks, until at last he made such a beautiful house, that he thought father should see it. He scrambled to his feet very carefully, not to jar his work of art, when suddenly baby brother trotted up, and with one sweep of his tiny hand, tumbled it all to pieces.

Baby thought it was great fun, but Bennie didn't. He was angry, oh! so angry, that he got hot all over, and, hardly knowing what he did, he struck out blindly and fiercely at

baby brother and knocked him down. He gave one sharp cry, then lay quite, quite still, and Benny thought he must be dead, when mother rushed in and picked him up. "Oh-oh! I didn't mean to kill him!" he cried. Then baby brother opened his eyes. "See, Bennie! you didn't kill him, but you might have done so," mother said sadly. "When we get angry, we sometimes do dreadful things, that can never be undone."

**Lesson Hymn**

More like Jesus would I be,  
 Let my Saviour dwell with me,  
 Fill my soul with peace and love,  
 Make me gentle as the dove.  
 More like Jesus! while I go  
 Pilgrim in this world below  
 Poor in spirit would I be—  
 Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT I SHOULD NOT HATE

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What can God do? God can do all that He wishes to do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Rev. Ques. 39-43.

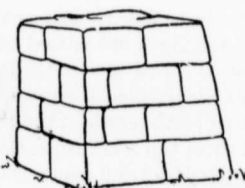
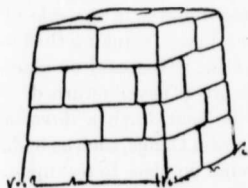
**The Question on Missions**

4. Why do we send missionaries to Korea? God forced our church, as it were, against its will, to take up the work. He called William J. McKenzie to go, but the church would not send him. McKenzie went without salary: God gave him all he needed. He made many converts. He died. Our church awoke, and sent missionaries.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

Color the two altars, one on either side of the page. It was on two altars something like these that Cain and Abel offered their gifts to God. They were built of stone, and the offerings were placed on the top. We, too, should bring our gifts to God, and the gift He

values most from us is our heart. For, if we love Him, we are sure to try to do what He tells us. And this is a gift which the very youngest can bring to our heavenly Father.



Genesis 8 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 1-3.

**Golden Text**—The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord.—Psalm 37 : 39.

1 And God remembered No'ah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark : and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged ;

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained ;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually : and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month : in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that No'ah opened the window of the ark which he had made :

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground ;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth : then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days ; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark ;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening ; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off : so No'ah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days ; and sent forth the dove ; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth : and No'ah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 And God spake unto No'ah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Many hundred years had passed since God made the world, and now it was filled with people. But they were not good : they forgot God, and did so many evil things, that God said, " I will destroy all these wicked people with a great flood of waters, because of their wickedness."

But there was one man, named Noah, and his family, who still loved and served God ; and the Lord spoke to Noah and told him to build a great ark, or vessel, of wood, which should be able to float upon the waters.

And Noah did as God had said, and made the ark, and took with him into it, besides his family, some of every kind of animals that lived on the earth. And the Lord closed the door of the ark. Now, the Lord said, " In seven days I will send a flood upon the earth, which shall destroy every living thing upon it, save those which are in the ark."

So, at the end of the seven days, the terrible

flood began to come. It rained for forty days and forty nights, and the waters rose so high, that there was no living creature left, man, nor beast, nor creeping thing, except those that were in the ark.

The flood lasted for one hundred and fifty days, but the great ark floated safely on the water, until at last it rested upon a high mountain called Ararat. Then God caused a wind to blow, and the waters began to dry up, until the tops of the mountains appeared. And Noah opened the window in the side of the ark and set free a raven, thinking that it would come back again, if it found no place to alight. But the raven never returned.

Soon afterwards he sent forth a dove, a bird which feeds on green things, such as buds and leaves, but it found no place to rest upon, and no food to eat, and, therefore, soon returned to the ark. Noah waited another seven days, and then sent out the dove again.



This time, when it returned, it bore in its bill an olive leaf, which showed that the waters had gone down very much. Seven days more passed, and once more the dove was sent out, but this time it did not return; so Noah removed the covering of the ark, and, looking out, saw that the face of the ground was dry.

And God called to Noah and said, "Come out of the ark now, thou and thy family and all the living things which are with thee." And Noah obeyed, and gave thanks to God for saving them all from death.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was God angry with the people in the world? 2. What did He say He would do? 3. What did He tell Noah to build? 4. What persons went into the ark besides Noah? 5. What did they take with them? 6. What then happened? 7. How long did the waters remain on the earth? 8. Where did the ark rest? 9. What caused the waters to dry up? 10. What bird did Noah first send out from the ark? 11. Did the raven return? 12. What bird was sent next? 13. How often was the dove sent out? 14. What did it bring back the second time? 15. What about the third time? 16. What did Noah then do? 17. Who bade Noah come out of the ark? 18. What did Noah do when he came out? 19. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Long ago the lawless people of a certain mountain village had been harassing and plundering all the district round, until the

king himself heard of it, and resolved to punish them.

He ordered his army to drive the people out and burn all their houses. "But there is one house you must spare," he said, pointing to a tiny hut, standing apart. "Two years ago, in disguise, weary and footsore, I came to this place, and the people of that house were the only ones who had pity on me; so now they will get their reward."

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last! Amen.  
—Hymn 162, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD WATCHES OVER ME

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God.  
11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

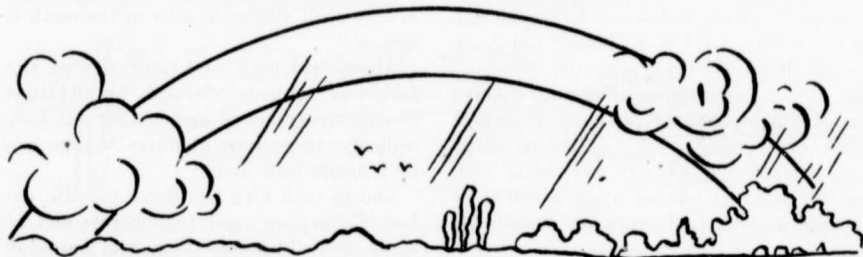
SHORTER CATECHISM—44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

### The Question on Missions

5. In what part of Korea is our mission? In the north-east part, bordering on the Sea of Japan. The field is very large, and the population a million and a half.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How lovely are the colors of the rainbow! Try to remember them all, and put them into the picture. God gave the rainbow to Noah as a pledge of His faithfulness.



## Lesson VI.

## ABRAM CALLED TO BE A BLESSING February 10, 1907

Genesis 12 : 1-8—Memory Verses, 1-3.

**Golden Text**—I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and thou shalt be a blessing.  
—Genesis 12 : 2.



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.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After the flood was over, God spoke to Noah, and made a covenant, or agreement, with him. He said, that, if Noah and his children and his children's children would worship and serve Him only, they should increase and be blessed and possess the whole world. The fish of the sea and the fowls of the air, and the beasts of the earth, as well as all fruit and herbs, were given them for food, and God promised never again to destroy the world by a flood. And God set a rainbow in the cloud, which was to be the sign of this covenant between Himself and them.

Now, Noah had three sons, and these sons had a great many children, and these children had still more, until the earth was once again filled with people. But, as before, many were wicked and left off worshipping God. So God said, " I will set apart a nation by themselves, which will serve and worship Me only."

Now, there was one good man living in the

land of Haran. He had come from a city called Ur. His name was Abram. And God chose him to be the father of this great nation ; and He called him to leave his own land and go away from his kindred and his father's house, to another country, which He should show Him. And God made Abram this promise, " I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great ; and I will bless them that bless thee, and punish them that hate thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Abram had faith, and believed what God said, and, although he was an old man, seventy-five years of age, he left his home willingly, to go into whatever strange land God should lead him.

And he took with him Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his nephew, and his servants and his flocks, and all his possessions, and started on his journey to the land of Canaan. As they

passed through the country, they came to a place called Moreh, and there the Lord appeared to Abram, and told him that this land should some day belong to his descendants. And Abram built an altar there, at which to worship God.

Afterwards he went on still further, till he came at last to a mountain near Bethel, and there in the valley below, he pitched his tent, and built yet another altar to God, and worshiped Him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. After the flood, what covenant did God make with Noah? 2. What was the sign of the covenant? 3. What kind of people were many of Noah's descendants? 4. What did God say he would set apart? 5. For what purpose? 6. Whom did He choose as the father of this nation? 7. What did God command Abram to do? 8. What did He promise him? 9. How did Abram treat God's command? 10. Who accompanied him on his journey? 11. What did they take with them? 12. Who appeared to Abram at Moreh? 13. What did God there tell him? 14. How did Abram show his thanks? 15. Where did Abram finally settle? 16. What did he do after his tent was pitched? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Grandmother was not feeling well, and so Dolly carried over a little, covered basket, to see if what was inside would make her better. "Little Blessing," said grandmother, kissing her. Dolly laughed. "I thought a blessing was something we got—not a person like me."

"Let's work it out and see," said grandmother. "A little girl last night asked God

to make her unselfish and thoughtful, and God did so. Then, in the morning she cut her nicest flowers and took a basket of grapes, and came a long way over a dusty road to make an old lady happy. So God blessed the little girl, and then the little girl blessed the old lady. Now wouldn't you call that person a blessing?"

### Lesson Hymn

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean,  
And the beautiful land.

Little seeds of mercy,  
Sown by youthful hands,  
Grow to bless the nations,  
Far in heathen lands. Amen.

—Hymn 531, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—12. **Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit different Gods?** No. These three persons are one God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—45. *Which is the first commandment?* A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 46. *What is required in the first commandment?* A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

### The Question on Missions

6. How many stations have we in Korea? We have three stations where missionaries live, namely, Wonsan, Ham Heung, and Song Chin. Ham Heung is a large provincial capital, and the others are ports open to foreign trade.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



It was hard for Abram to set out from the tents where his father and his people lived, to go into a strange land. But God went with him, protecting him from every danger, and so the way was safe and happy. *Color* the tents and the road and the trees.

Genesis 13 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Take heed, and beware of covetousness.—Luke 12 : 15.



12 A'bram dwelled in the land of Ca'naan, and Lot toward Sod'om.

13 But the men of Sod'om were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

1 And A'bram went up out of E'gypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And A'bram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth'-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth'-el and Ha'i ;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first : and there A'bram called on the name of the LORD.

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 herdmen of A'bram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle : and the Ca'naanite and the Periz'ite 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 herdmen and thy herdmen ; 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.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Abram had come into the land of Canaan, a terrible famine came upon the land. So Abram took his wife and his nephew, Lot, and his servants, and all his possessions, and went down into the land of Egypt, to live there until the famine was over. He did not remain there long, however, and soon returned again into Canaan.

Now, Abram was very rich. Besides gold and silver, he had camels and cattle and sheep and goats and a great many servants ; so the journey could only be made by slow and easy stages. They lived in tents, and camped wherever they found the best pasture for their flocks, until they came at last to Bethel, where Abram had settled at the beginning, and where he had built an altar to the Lord ; and there he praised God for his safe return.

Now Lot, Abram's nephew, also had a great many flocks and herds ; and it was soon found that there was not enough pasture for both Abram and Lot. So their herdmen began to fight as to who should have the best ground and the most convenient wells.

Abram was grieved at seeing this strife, and said to Lot, " It is not right that we who are kinsmen should quarrel, nor that my servants should fight with your servants. It would be better for us to separate, and each go different ways." Then he took Lot up to a high place, where the whole country lay spread before them. " See, now," he said, " the whole of this fertile land is before us to choose from ; take whichever part of it you wish. If you would rather go to the right hand, then I will go to the left ; and if you take the left, then I will go to the right." Then Lot looked about him on every side, and when he saw how much more beautiful than all the rest the plain of Jordan was, being fair " as the garden of the Lord" and watered by a river winding through green meadows and beside shady trees, he selfishly chose the whole of the plain as his portion.

So Abram and Lot separated ; and Lot took all his flocks and herds and possessions, and journeyed east till he reached the plain of the Jordan ; and there he set up his tent near

the city of Sodom, although he knew that the city was very wicked in the eyes of the Lord. But although Lot had taken for himself what seemed to be the best part of the land, Abram was not jealous nor covetous, but settled himself to live happily where he was.

And Abram had no reason to feel that Lot was better off because the Lord appeared again to him, and said, "Lift up now thine eyes, and as far as thou canst see,—north, east, south and west,—all this land shall belong to thee and to thy children forever, and thy descendants shall be as the dust of the earth in multitude."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Abram leave the land of Canaan?
2. To what country did he go?
3. Whither did he soon return?
4. In what did Abram and his family live?
5. What possessions had he?
6. What caused quarreling between Abram's herdmen and Lot's?
7. What offer did Abram make to Lot?
8. Which part of the country did Lot choose?
9. Why did he choose it?
10. Near what place did Lot set up his tent?
11. What sort of people lived in that city?
12. Where did Abram remain?
13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Run into the dining room," said Uncle Dick, as Ralph and Ethel came in from school; "I left something on the table for you." The children ran, and there were two oranges, a lovely big, juicy-looking one, and a mean little wizened one. Ralph and Ethel looked at each other. Each wanted the big, yellow orange. "Let's cut both in two, and each take half," cried Ethel. So Ralph got a knife and cut the two oranges, and oh, what a surprise! The big yellow one was only an empty shell, while the little green one had two shiny half-dollars inside!

"Oh, oh," cried Ralph, as he gave Ethel her piece of money, "Uncle Dick must have done it, to make the greedy one get the empty orange! Let's go and ask him."

"I'm so glad we didn't act selfishly about it, aren't you?" cried Ethel, as they ran to show Uncle Dick how they had divided the two oranges between them.

### Lesson Hymn

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 221, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—13. **What book tells us about God?** The Bible tells us about God. 14. **What more does the Bible teach us?** The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live.

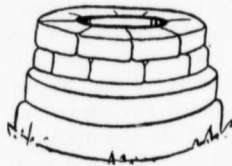
SHORTER CATECHISM—47. *What is forbidden in the first commandment?* A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

### The Question on Missions

7. Who are our missionaries in Korea? Mr. Foote, Dr. Grierson, Mr. McRae, Mr. Robb, and their wives; Miss McCully, Dr. Kate McMillan, Miss Robb, Miss Mair, Mr. L. L. Young (under appointment).

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In hot, Eastern countries wells are very highly prized. How pleasant the cool water is to men and beasts! And Jesus tells us



that the clear, cold water is a picture of the blessings He is willing to give us. Copy this picture of a well.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NOT BE GREEDY

Genesis 15 : 1, 5-16—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

**Golden Text**—He believed in the Lord ; and he counted it to him for righteousness.—  
Genesis 15 : 6.



1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto A'bram in a vision, saying, Fear not, A'bram : I am thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them : and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD ; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chal'dees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it ?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another : but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, A'bram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon A'bram ; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto A'bram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them ; and they shall afflict them four hundred years ;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge : and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace ; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again : for the iniquity of the Am'orites is not yet full.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Some time after Lot had settled near Sodom, four kings came up against the city, and taking it, carried away captive the people who lived in it, as well as all their possessions. Amongst others, they carried away Lot and his family, who thus suffered for Lot's having chosen to live near so wicked a place.

When Abram heard that his nephew had been taken prisoner, he armed a great band of his servants, and stealing upon the invading army at night, he frightened them so, that they fled away, and Abram brought back all the people of Sodom and their belongings, as well as Lot, in safety.

And the king of Sodom, feeling grateful to Abram, told him that, because he had saved all his people, he might take the spoil as his reward. But Abram refused, saying that he would take not so much as a thread, lest the king should then be able to say, "It was I who made Abram rich."

Afterwards, Abram began to be afraid lest, perhaps, these kings he had fought against would return to punish him. Then the Lord

appeared to Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram, I will shield thee from all harm, and will greatly reward thee." Abram said, "Oh, Lord, why shouldst Thou give me more and greater possessions, seeing that I have no son to inherit my riches after me?" And God brought Abram outside into the night, and said, "Just as thou canst not count the stars in the sky, so shalt thou not be able to count all the descendants that I will give thee." And, although Abram was an old man and had still not even one child, he believed what the Lord had told him ; and God was pleased with his faith, and said further to him, "I brought thee away from thy home in Ur of the Chaldees, so that I might give thee and thy children this land of Canaan, to inherit it for ever." And Abram prayed to God. "Oh, Lord," he said, "give me a sign, so that I shall know that I shall inherit the land."

Now, when the people of Abram's time entered into an agreement or covenant of any kind with each other, they went through a

strange ceremony. They took certain animals and birds, such as cows and sheep and pigeons, and dividing the bodies of the animals lengthwise, they set the pieces opposite each other on the ground. Then the two who were making the agreement, walked along the passage between, and after they had done this, neither would ever break his word to the other. It was in this way that God now made a covenant with Abram, which would never be broken.

And Abram slept, and dreamed that he was in horrible, black darkness. And God said to him, "Thy children shall not always live in this land. For four hundred years they shall be slaves in a far-off country; but in due time, I will punish that people and bring them back again in safety, carrying great possessions with them. But thou thyself shalt live to a good old age, and shalt die here in peace."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What happened after Lot settled near Sodom? 2. What did Abram do? 3. Of what was he afterwards afraid? 4. What did God say to him? 5. What was Abram's reply? 6. What did God promise to him? 7. How did Abram receive God's promise? 8. What further promise did God make? 9. For what did Abram ask? 10. What sign did God give? 11. Whither did He say Abram's descendants would be taken? 12. How long were they to stay there? 13. What was God's promise concerning Abram himself? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Teddy sat on a box in the crowded station, and wondered what father was doing. Why, it was hours and hours since he said, "I'll only be away a few minutes, sonny, so don't stir till I come back." Perhaps he'd forgotten and gone home without him. But Teddy put that thought away. Father always kept his promises, and he'd wait here till—till morning, for him.

His head drooped drowsily against the wall, as his father hurried up. "Poor old chap!" he said, "I've tried your faith and your patience and everything, haven't I? But I couldn't help it, Ted; so here's a big box of peaches to make up. You see we've both

believed in each other—you knew I'd come back, and I knew you would wait for me."

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, I will trust Thee,  
Trust Thee with my soul;  
Guilty, lost, and helpless,  
Thou canst make me whole.  
There is none in heaven  
Or on earth like Thee;  
Thou hast died for sinners—  
Therefore, Lord, for me. Amen.  
—Hymn 167, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—15. Who wrote the Bible? Good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit. 16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God? All God's works teach us about Him.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 44-47.

### The Question on Missions

8. Has the work in Korea been successful? Yes! Though the work is new, there are already 32 congregations, 22 church buildings, 500 church members, and 9 day schools. In all parts of Korea, under all missions, there is wonderful progress.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Long ago, soldiers carried shields to protect them from the swords and spears and arrows of their enemies. Far better is it to



have God as our Protector. When we trust Him and do His will, He will keep far away from us any real harm. Draw a shield like the one in the picture.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD TRUST IN GOD

**Golden Text**—Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—Luke 18 : 1.



16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sod'om : and A'braham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from A'braham that thing which I do :

18 Seeing that A'braham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him ?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment ; that the LORD may bring upon A'braham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sod'om and Gomor'rah is great, and because their sin is very grievous ;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me ; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sod'om : but A'braham stood yet before the LORD.

23 And A'braham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked ?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city : wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein ?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked : and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee : Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right ?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sod'om fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And A'braham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes :

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous : wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five ? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak : Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord : Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once : Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with A'braham : and A'braham returned unto his place.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as Abraham—this is the new name which God had given to Abram—sat in the door of his tent, he looked up, and saw three strangers standing there. Now, travelers are always eagerly welcomed in the East ; so Abraham asked them in to rest, and then hastened to take a calf from the herd and set its flesh before them, with bread and butter and milk. As they were eating, one of the men said, " In a short time, thy wife Sarah—her name, also, had been changed from Sarai—shall have a son." And Abraham knew that it was the Lord who had thus spoken to him.

Soon the visitors rose to go in the direction of the city of Sodom, and Abraham went with them part of the way. Then the Lord said to him, " Because I have chosen thee to be

the first of My great nation, I shall tell thee what I am going to do. I have long seen the great wickedness of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and now I am going there to punish them."

Then Abraham, remembering that his nephew Lot and his family lived in Sodom, stood yet before the Lord, while the other two visitors went on. And he began very humbly to plead with the Lord not to destroy the righteous people who were in the city, along with the wicked. He said, " If there should be fifty righteous within the city, wilt Thou not spare the place for their sakes ? Thou art the Judge of all the earth, and surely Thou wilt do what is right."

And the Lord answered, " If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the



whole city." Then Abraham spoke again, and said that, although he was not worthy to plead with the Lord, still he would pray Him to spare the city, even if only forty-five good people were found in it. And the Lord promised that He would spare it for the sake of forty-five.

But Abraham still went on, humbly pleading with God for the sake of forty, thirty, twenty people, until at last, when the Lord promised that He would not destroy the city if He found even ten righteous within it, Abraham left off, and while the Lord went on His way, Abraham returned to his home.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What new name had God given to Abram? 2. To Sarai? 3. Whom did Abraham one day see from the door of his tent? 4. How did he treat them? 5. What promise did One of them make? 6. Who did Abraham know that This was? 7. Towards what city did the three visitors set out from Abraham's home? 8. What did the Lord tell Abraham? 9. For whom in Sodom was Abraham anxious? 10. What did he ask of the Lord? 11. What was the Lord's answer? 12. How often did Abraham pray, after this? 13. For what number of righteous persons would God have spared Sodom? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A missionary, in telling the story of the siege of Peking, says, "There were some little children in the siege who were very fond of a soldier named Hall. One day his regiment took a position on the city wall, where the Chinese had been—a position of great danger. A lady gathered all the children together to pray for the soldiers, and several asked God

especially to take care of Mr. Hall, that he might be kept safe.

"While the soldiers were fighting, Mr. Hall's foot slipped and he fell backward, and just at that moment a ball grazed his knees and tore the front of his coat. If he had not slipped and fallen, he would have been killed. That night some one told him his little friends had prayed for him. 'The children's prayers saved me, then,' he said."

### Lesson Hymn

Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness,  
Grant them, Lord, the glorious light;  
And from eastern coast to western  
May the morning chase the night,  
And redemption,  
Freely purchased, win the day. Amen.  
—Hymn 450, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PRAY FOR OTHERS

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—17. **What are God's works?** The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and the stars.

SHORTER CATECHISM—48. *What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?* A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

### The Question on Missions

9. Do the Koreans make good Christians? They have to endure great persecution; they give very liberally; they build all their own churches; they preach to their fellow-countrymen; they excel in Bible study; they live the gospel in their life.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells how God came to visit Abraham. How wonderful it is that God comes to dwell in our homes and in our hearts! Color the tent and the figures of the people in the picture.



## ISAAC A LOVER OF PEACE

March 10, 1907

Genesis 26 : 12-25—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

**Golden Text**—Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.—Matthew 5 : 9.



night, and said, I am the God of A'braham thy father : multiply thy seed for my servant A'braham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there : and there I'saac's servants digged a well.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

At last, God's promise to Abraham came true, and he had a son, whom he called Issac. When Isaac had grown to be a man, Abraham died, leaving him his flocks and herds and all his possessions. And the Lord blessed Isaac, as He had blessed his father, Abraham, and his riches increased day by day.

After some years a famine came upon the land, as in the days of Abraham, and Isaac took his family and all that he had and went to live in the valley of Gerar, in the land of the Philistines. Now Abraham, also, Isaac's father, had once lived for a time in this country. God continued to bless Isaac wonderfully. What he sowed was multiplied a hundredfold, and his flocks and herds and the number of his servants also increased, until at last the Philistines were afraid that he would become too great, and began to torment him, hoping that he would leave their country. They had already stopped up with sand and stones the wells which Isaac's father had dug,—wells are very precious possessions

12 Then I'saac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold : and the LORD blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great :

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants : and the Philistines envied him.

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of A'braham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abim'elech said unto I'saac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And I'saac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Ge'rar, and dwelt there.

18 And I'saac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of A'braham his father : for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of A'braham ; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And I'saac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Ge'rar did strive with I'saac's herdmen, saying, The water is our's : and he called the name of the well E'sek ; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also : and he called the name of it Sit'nah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well ; and for that they strove not ; and he called the name of it Re'hoboth ; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-she'ba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same

night, and said, I am the God of A'braham thy father : multiply thy seed for my servant A'braham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there : and there I'saac's servants digged a well.

to the people who live in hot, dry lands. When still Isaac did not go, Abimelech, the king, himself came to him, and asked him to leave the country, because he was growing too powerful.

But Isaac, instead of going away from the land of the Philistines, moved farther up the valley of Gerar. Here, also, there were wells which Abraham had dug, and which the Philistines had stopped up. These Isaac cleared out, and called them by the old names that his father had given to them.

But his flocks and herds increased so much, that he needed still more wells, and his servants dug in the valley until they found another well of springing water. Then the herdmen around were angry and fought with Isaac's servants, saying that the well ought to belong to them. So Isaac told his men to dig yet another well ; but the herdmen of Gerar fought for this one also, until Isaac, who was a man of peace, told his men to give it up and dig still one more, and this time

they were not disturbed by the Philistines.

Now Isaac, who was constantly seeking fresh pastures for his flocks, came back at length to Beer-sheba, where his home had been when he was a boy. And there, one night, the Lord appeared to him and said that, as He had been the God of his father Abraham, so would He still be his God and would bless him with a great many children. And Isaac, to show his gratitude, built there an altar for the worship of God.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of the son at last born to Abraham? 2. In what manner did God bless him? 3. Why did Isaac leave his own land? 4. Whither did he go? 5. Who blessed him there? 6. How? 7. Of what did the Philistines become afraid? 8. How did they try to make Isaac leave their country? 9. Whither did he remove? 10. What did he do there? 11. Who quarreled with his servants? 12. About what? 13. What did Isaac tell his servants to do? 14. Whither did he at last return? 15. Who appeared to him? 16. What did the Lord promise? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Oh! here's a lovely pile of snow all ready to begin," shouted Nell. "We'll have a snow house in no time, Jimmy!" But just as they attacked it with their shovels, up rushed Greta and Tommy Smith. "That's our pile!" they cried. "Don't you dare to touch it!" "I didn't know," said Nell, humbly, "we'll go somewhere else;" and off they trotted to another bank.

"And don't you touch that either!" called Tommy after them. "Hal told me to save that for him." So Nell and Jimmy meekly

moved on again; but there were no more nice piles in sight. "Never mind, we'll make a fort out of balls," suggested Nell. The other two began to look ashamed. "Come on and play with us," they said; "four'll make a bigger house than two." So they were soon all playing happily together.

### Lesson Hymn

With smiles of peace and looks of love  
Light in our dwellings we may make,  
Bid kind good-humor brighten there—  
And still do all for Jesus' sake. Amen.  
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE A PEACEMAKER

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—18. **What do God's works tell us about Him?** God's works tell us of His wisdom, His power, and His love.

SHORTER CATECHISM—49. *Which is the second commandment?* A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

### The Question on Missions

10. Why has the work in Korea been so successful? It was God's will that it should be so. The Koreans had few beliefs before the gospel came. They are very inquisitive about new things. They are intelligent to recognize the truth. The faithfulness of the early believers gave the gospel a good name.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

*Blessed are the Peacemakers*

Should we not be happy if Jesus calls us blessed? And He does call us this, if we are peacemakers. Copy the part of the Golden Text written above.

Genesis 27 : 15-23, 41-45—Memory Verses, 21-23.

**Golden Text**—Lying lips are abomination to the Lord : but they that deal truly are his delight.—Proverbs 12 : 22.



posing to kill thee. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice ; and arise, flee thou to La'ban my brother to Har'an ;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away ;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him : then I will send, and fetch thee from thence : why should I be deprived also of you both in one day ?

15 And Rebek'ah took goodly raiment of her eldest son E'sau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Ja'cob her younger son :

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck :

17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Ja'cob.

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.

41 And E'sau hated Ja'cob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him : and E'sau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand ; then will I slay my brother Ja'cob.

42 And these words of E'sau her elder son were told to Rebek'ah : and she sent and called Ja'cob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother E'sau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, pur-  
voicing my voice ; and arise, flee thou to La'ban my brother

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When Isaac was forty years old, he married a beautiful woman named Rebekah. They had two sons, Esau and Jacob. As the boys grew up, Esau, who was roving and restless, became a skilful hunter ; but Jacob preferred to live quietly, minding his flocks. At last Isaac grew very old, and knowing he must soon die, he called Esau, his eldest son, to him, and said, " Take your bow and arrows and go out and get some venison, to make me a savory stew ; and when you bring it to me to eat, I will bless you before I die."

As soon as Esau had gone, Rebekah, who loved Jacob best of all and wished him to get the blessing, came and tried to persuade him to deceive his father, and make him think that he was Esau. She took a young goat and made a stew that tasted like venison, for Jacob to carry to his father. Then she dressed him in his brother's clothes ; and because Esau was very hairy, while Jacob was smooth, she fastened on Jacob's hands

and neck pieces of skin from a young goat, and so sent him in to his father.

Now Isaac was blind and could not see. So when Jacob came in to him and said, " My father," he said, " Who art thou, my son ?" And Jacob answered, " I am Esau. Eat now of the venison I have brought, and then give me thy blessing." But Isaac did not feel certain that it was Esau. " How then did you find it so quickly, my son?" he asked.

Jacob had already told a lie, and now he did another wicked thing. He said, " The Lord thy God brought it to me." Still Isaac was not sure, and said, " Come near, I pray thee, so that I may feel whether thou art really my son, Esau, or not." Then Jacob went closer, and Isaac felt all over him, and said, " The voice sounds like Jacob's, but still, these are Esau's hands—"; and so he gave Jacob the blessing that rightfully belonged to the elder son, saying, " Let

God give thee plenty of rain for thy fields, and much corn and wine. Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee; and be lord over thy brethren, and let every one that hateth thee be punished, and every one that blesseth thee be blessed." So Jacob took his brother's blessing.

Now Esau hated Jacob because he had stolen the blessing that belonged to him, and he said, "When my father is dead, then will I kill my brother." His mother heard Esau's words, and calling Jacob, told him he must leave his home quickly, and go to stay with her brother, Laban, at Haran, until Esau's anger should pass away.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of Isaac's wife?
2. What were the names of their sons?
3. Which of the sons did Isaac call, when he knew he was dying?
4. What did he bid him do?
5. What did he promise him?
6. What did Rebekah persuade Jacob to do?
7. What did she bind round his hands; and why?
8. Why did Isaac not know Jacob at the first?
9. Who did Jacob say he was?
10. Why did Isaac distrust what he said?
11. How did Jacob say he had returned so quickly?
12. What did Isaac next say?
13. Whose blessing did Isaac at last give to Jacob?
14. What threat did Esau make when he heard what had happened?
15. What did Rebekah advise Jacob to do?
16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Katie threw Minnie, the cat, into the pantry, and shut the door guiltily behind her. "Mother'll think she broke the blue bowl," she said to herself. And yet she wasn't satisfied, when she heard mother say at tea-time, "I had to give Minnie such a beating to-day; I found her in the pantry, where she had broken my blue china bowl." Still Katie never spoke; but how strange it was that father should read at family worship the text, "Lying lips are abominations to the Lord"!

"I didn't tell a lie," she thought fiercely. But something inside her whispered, "You did! You did!" Then she went to mother with her story, and asked forgiveness; and because Katie was sorry, mother granted it

willingly. "But deceiving by our acts is just as bad as lying by our words," she said.

### Lesson Hymn

Perish policy and cunning!

Perish all that fears the light!

Whether losing, whether winning,

Trust in God, and do the right. Amen.

—Hymn 275, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—19. **Who takes care of the world?** God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

SHORTER CATECHISM—50. *What is required in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

### The Question on Missions

11. What is the outlook in Korea? There is a wonderful turning of the people to God. Churches are overcrowded. Many of the buildings have had to be enlarged. With a large staff of missionaries, the whole country could be won for Christ.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

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. *Draw the picture of a bow and arrow.*

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT I SHOULD HATE A LIE

Isaiah 28 : 7-13—Memory Verse, 7.

**Golden Text**—Wine and new wine take away the heart.—Hosea 4 : 11.

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way ; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge ? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine ? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, and there a little :

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest where-with ye may cause the weary to rest : and this is the refreshing : yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, and there a little ; that they might go,

and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

In the days when the people of Israel and Judah forgot the Lord and all His goodness to them, and worshiped other gods, God sent prophets to them—first to warn, and then to threaten them with punishment, if they did not mend their evil ways.

Isaiah was one of these good prophets, and one day he came to the people of Judah in their famous capital city, Jerusalem, and told them that God was soon coming to judge their sister kingdom, Israel. The glories of Samaria, its capital, should be laid so low, by an enemy, that it would look as if a terrible tempest had utterly destroyed everything ; and the inhabitants should be carried away captive.

But, although the kingdom of Israel should thus be destroyed, God was sparing Judah for the sake of those who still loved and served Him as their King ; and was guarding and defending this kingdom. But there were those, even in Judah, who deserved to be punished for their wickedness. These were the men who were given to strong drink, among whom were even prophets and priests who had so far forgotten their high calling, as

to become drunk with wine. Thus they were unable to teach and instruct the people as they ought, for the wine went to their heads, and they could neither reason nor explain doubtful questions, and so the people went astray, with no one to guide them. The judges also gave wrong judgments in their courts, because the wine they drank made them so stupid, that they could not distinguish between right and wrong.

Then, when God sent His prophets to teach them, they laughed and said, " Do you take us to be children, that need to be taught always what we should do ? You prophets tell us the same thing over and over, and repeat command after command, as if you were teaching lessons to babies."

So, because they would not listen to His messengers, and give up wine and the other evil things they loved, God said that He would teach them now in another way. They, too, would be carried away captive to a foreign land, to live among strangers, and then it should indeed be as they said it was—they should be taught lesson upon lesson and receive one judgment upon another, because

they had been so stubborn in refusing to obey God speaking through His prophets.

They had often been told how willingly God would give them a life of rest and happiness, if they would only keep His commands, but they paid no heed ; so now they would be punished on every hand, " here a little and there a little," until their proud spirits were brought low, and they should acknowledge God's power and greatness.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did God send to reprove His people ? 2. What was the name of one of these prophets ? 3. What dreadful doom had come upon the kingdom of Israel ? 4. Which kingdom had God spared ? 5. Who did God say would be punished in Judah ? 6. Who were among those who loved strong drink ? 7. Why did God command them to give up this evil ? 8. What did they say, when they heard God's message ? 9. How would God now teach them ? 10. Golden Text ?

### Lesson Story

During a war, not long ago, a regiment of soldiers was ordered to set fire to a certain village. Among the other buildings stood a saloon, and some of the men, who were fond of wine, thought they would first carry away as much of it as they could. So they concealed it amongst their things, and at night brought it out and handed it round.

But one of the more sensible said, " See here, the enemy is around us everywhere, and if they should spring a surprise on us, you wouldn't be very well prepared to fight after

drinking that stuff." But the others only laughed at his good advice. And that very night the enemy did come, and the soldiers were so stupefied from the wine they had drunk, that they could not obey their officers' commands, and fighting blindly and senselessly, they were all killed or made prisoners.

### Lesson Hymn

Father of mercies, in Thy Word  
What endless glory shines !  
Forever be Thy name adored  
For these celestial lines.

O may these heavenly pages be  
My ever dear delight ;  
And still new beauties may I see,  
And still increasing light. Amen.

—Hymn 118, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day That

STRONG DRINK MAKES SLAVES

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. What does God do for you ? God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 48-50.

### The Question on Missions

12. What is our church's duty to Korea ?  
" Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious ;  
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way ;  
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious ;  
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

*Wine is a mocker*

Copy the text written above, and make up your mind that you will not use wine or strong drink when you grow to be men and women. It always does harm.

Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

March 31, 1907

**Golden Text**—The Lord knoweth them that are his.—2 Tim. 2 : 19.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS, viz. : BIBLE WORK ; SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES ; PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 1-20 ; SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 39-50 ; SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN ; THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS—QUESTIONS 1-12.

## The Lesson People

What a long row of people stretch through this Quarter! Let us go over their names again!

In Lesson I., there are no people, for the first man and woman were not yet made. But the Lesson tells us about God's making our beautiful world and everything in it.

Lessons II. and III. tell of the same two persons, Adam and Eve ; how happy they were in the lovely Garden of Eden ; and how sadly sin spoiled their happiness, as sin always does ; and of the promise God made to cheer them.

Did you ever see an angry man ? Lesson IV. tells us of Cain, who became so angry with his brother that he killed him. Is not anger very dreadful ?

An ark floating on the water—and God keeping Noah and his family and all the animals safe within it—Lesson V. tells of this. And the same God keeps us safe day and night.

How much we are told about Abraham in Lessons VI., VII., VIII., IX.! There is his coming into Canaan, his kindness to Lot, God's wonderful promise to him, and his praying for the wicked city of Sodom.

Lesson X. tells us about Isaac, the Peacemaker. We learn from Isaac, that it takes two to make a quarrel, and that if we will not be one of them, there can be no quarrel.

We remember how Jacob acted a lie (Lesson XI.), putting hairy skins on his hands and neck and carrying in the savory meat to his old, blind father. How hateful is every kind of lie!

## Lesson Hymn

Unto the hills around do I lift up	From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
My longing eyes,	From God the Lord, who heaven and earth
Oh whence for me shall my salvation come,	hath made. Amen.
From whence arise ?	—Ps. Sel. 97, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

God loves and cares for me

## EASTER LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15 : 12-21, 55-58

Some false teachers in Corinth had been ridiculing the belief of the Christians there, that, after men died, their bodies would some day rise again. So Paul, the great apostle, who had taught the Corinthians about Christ, wrote to them to encourage them in their belief.

First of all, he declared that Jesus Christ must have risen from the dead, for He had been seen many times afterwards by His disciples and others ; and, if Christ could thus rise from the dead, so might all men. Then Paul went on to show them how useless his teachings would be, if there were no other life beyond this world ; and how unhappy they would feel, if, after trying to serve God faithfully here on earth in the midst of trials and persecutions, they had no hope of enjoying an after life.

"But," said Paul triumphantly, "there is no fear of this, for Christ is indeed risen from the dead ; therefore His people also shall rise. They may die like other men ; but they need not fear, for death is only a sleep from which they shall awake some day to be forever with their Lord in heaven."

"So, with this life to look forward to, my brethren," he goes on, "be patient and faithful and self-denying in all things, for God has promised to reward you, at the resurrection, for all your loving service."



**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

<p>LESSON I. God the Creator.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Lot's Choice.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Man Made in the Image of God.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. God's Covenant with Abram.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Man's Sin and God's Promise.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Abraham Pleading for Sodom.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Story of Cain and Abel.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Isaac a Lover of Peace.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Noah Saved in the Ark.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Jacob and Esau.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Abram Called to be a Blessing.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Woes of Drunkenness.</p>

## SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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