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Two little feet in mother's lap—
Cosy the soft, warm nest!
Be in no hurry to toddle away,
Cuddle there, dear little feet, while you may;
Cuddle up there and rest.

Two little feet in mother's lap—
Never life's stubble pressed!
Haste not to open the Gate Unknown,
Where mother can't go—where you go
alone;
Cuddle up there and rest.

Two little feet in mother's lap—
Stay long in the soft, warm nest!
Ah, the day will come when bruised and
sore—
But you've passed from the threshold of
mother's door!
Cuddle *now* there and rest!

—The Children's Hour

How delightful that New Year's Day this
year is on Sabbath. The Monday's fun and
frolic will be all the merrier for the quiet rest
and the happy church-going of the day before;
and surely it will be easier all the year to live
as we ought to live, when we have spent its
first day in worshipping our Father in Heaven
and hearing what He has to say to us in His
Holy Word.

We are giving the Missionary Question
of the new Supplemental Course in the
PRIMARY QUARTERLY, as well as in the more
advanced Lesson Helps, because most of the
children in the younger classes can under-
stand the questions and their answers. They
are put in very simple words, and the little
ones cannot learn too soon that every one who
loves the Saviour ought to seek to make Him
known to others.

"Four of the best Hymns each year, one
each Quarter," are set down in the Supple-
mental Lessons. There are four chosen for the
Primary scholars and four for the rest of the
school. They may perhaps be most easily
learned by singing them. A Quarter has
thirteen Sabbaths; and the Hymns will be
sung better and better each Sabbath, until,
when Review Sabbath comes, it will be a per-
fect joy to sing them, for children always do
with delight what they can do well.

An important part of the Supplemental
Lessons course, is the Scripture Memory
work. When the verses for those in the
Primary department, have been learned, a
very pretty certificate, printed in three colors,
is granted by the General Assembly's Sabbath
School Committee. The verses for scholars
older are also chosen from among those for
certificates and diplomas; so that all scholars
who commit them to memory have thereby
made a good start on the way to these coveted
rewards.

Done For Love

The doctor and the nurses were bending
over the little cot where a four year old child
lay sick with a dangerous disease. The
golden hair was tangled with tossing, and the
eyes bright beneath the fevered brow.

"Unless we get her to take this at once, I
fear I can do nothing more," and the doctor
released the fluttering pulse wrist.

Poor little Beth! they had plied her with
"nasty medicines" until the sight of spoon
or glass put her on the defensive. She had
given over opposition, time and time again,
for dolls and the numerous other aids to ad-
ministering drugs to wee wifies; but now she
had had enough of rewards. The mother

tried to coax her to "take it like a good sweet-heart," but the usual success of that winning voice did not follow now. Force was out of the question. Possible consequences if the dose be not taken is an argument only for older ones.

Kneeling beside the bed, the father took the little hand, and, in a softened voice, began:

"Daddy is sorry, very sorry!" A look of gratitude from the bright eyes, and then the sharp cough stopped the dialogue.

"Beth loves daddy, does she not?" began the father again.

"Yes, yes!" so intensely.

"Daddy loves Beth, too." And he smoothed back the hair from the forehead.

"Does Beth love daddy a lot?"

"Big—bushel—and—a hug," came the reply.

"Will Beth take the medicine because she loves daddy, and he wants her to? If Beth loves daddy a lot, I know she will."

It was a cruel test; but the case was nearly desperate. Just a second or two of pause, an interruption of the rapid breathing, a flash only of infant debate, and then came,—

"Daddy, your Beth will take the nasty medicine, 'cos she loves you."

The father took the little tired head on his arm, as the doctor handed the draught with a broken,—

"Thank God, that 'love constraineth.'"

Making Light Darkness

By Martha Graham

The mothers and primary teachers should never lose sight of the fact that the wee man or woman under instruction has a very literal mind. Johnny takes everything one says absolutely as it is told, and calls a spade a spade every time.

For instance, if he has learned that that little thing that goes thump, thump inside his body is his heart, one cannot speak to him of "giving his heart to the Lord" without some careful explanation. Very few little ones at all comprehend what is meant by that difficult word "heart"; and, unfortunately, some teachers make the mystery still deeper by drawing a heart, and printing a text over it. "Whenever I see that

stumbling block of a heart appearing in a primary lesson," said a teacher to me one day, "I feel like misapplying the text,— 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?'" She was not very far wrong; that little triangle, so meaningless to the little ones, often destroys the effect of a lesson. It is better left out entirely. They know what pleasing Jesus means, being kind and sweet and patient as He was, when He was a little boy, and if they strive to be like Him, that is, indeed, "giving the heart to God."

There are many other mysteries of a like nature which trouble children. I was putting a pious little old woman of six to bed one night, when she said very solemnly, "I mustn't lie on my left side, you know, 'cause if I died that way I wouldn't go to heaven."

"But what makes you think that, dear?" I enquired in wonder.

"Why, 'cause my teacher told us last Sunday. She said we must always be on the right side, if we wanted to go to Jesus when we died."

Poor mite; the dual meaning of "right," as contrasted with "left" and "wrong," was proving a burden to her, as it has to many another small mind.

I was visiting the mother of a little family once, and on Sabbath afternoon she told them a very interesting story of Israel's idol-worship. At the end she made a very wise application. Even little boys and girls had idols in their hearts sometimes, she said,—the idol of self, of pleasure, of pride. She talked very earnestly and sweetly to them, and the little ones were much impressed.

But an hour after, I found Georgie, aged five, gazing intently at the picture of the ugly idol his mother had shown him, and confiding his troubles to a three-year-old sister, who did not seem as sympathetic as the occasion demanded.

"Say, Baby," he was saying, his forehead wrinkled anxiously, "do you think I've got an ugly beast like that in my insides? Bet if I had, I'd put my hand down my throat, and pull him out!"

And so our language cannot be too clear

and simple, when dealing with those simple minds. There is no mystery in God's Word too deep for the little one's imagination to grasp; but we must be very careful that we do not obscure its light by the use of too figurative language.

The Word That Was Lost

I lost a very little word,
 Only the other day;
 Only a very naughty word
 I had not meant to say.
 But then it was not really lost
 When from my lips it flew;
 My little brother picked it up
 And now he says it too.
 Mama is sad, papa looks grieved—
 Johnny has said it twice;
 Of course it is no use for me
 To tell him it's not nice.
 Lose other things, you never seem
 To come upon their track;
 But lose a naughty little word,
 It's always coming back!

A Child's Faith

Annie Lowden, with grandma's assistance, had made all her plans for a birthday party, and now the invitations to her little friends were to be sent out. "Be sure," said grandma, "to tell them all that it is a lawn party, and that if it rains on that day to come the next fine day."

"Yes, grandma," replied Annie, "I'll do that, but I'm going to ask God for a fine day, and you told me that He answers our prayers."

On the day before the birthday the sky, which had been clear for some days, took on the appearance of approaching storm, and grandma, fearing that Annie would be greatly disappointed, asked "What if it rains tomorrow, Annie?"

"Oh, but it won't, grandma, for I asked God for a fine day."

The next morning as grandma looked out upon the pouring rain she felt more anxiety for her little granddaughter's faith in a prayer-answering God than she felt sympathy for her in her disappointment. After a moment of hesitation she quietly left her room and went to Annie, whom she found just in the act

of drawing the curtains to look out upon the descending showers. Grandma's sympathy if not her anxiety showed in her voice as she said, "My dear child, I am so sorry that you are disappointed to-day." But her eyes opened with surprise, as instead of the outburst of sobs of disappointment which she had expected, came the cheerful answer, "Yes, grandma, I'm sorry it is raining, but we'll have the party on the first fine day."

"But do you think, Annie, that God heard your prayer?"

"Oh, yes, Grandma, I'm sure He heard it. God must have promised this rain to someone else before I asked Him."

Life and Light

The sun shining in the heavens gives life and light to men and animals and plants. But John, in his wonderful Gospel, tells us of One who made the sun. All life and light is really from Him. In the Lessons of the Quarter we shall see Him providing food for the hungry and healing the sick—caring for the life of the body. And, far better, He ministers to the soul's life, bringing pardon and peace through the knowledge of God. Light, too, He scatters all about Him, guiding men in the right way and filling their hearts with brightness and joy. We are to learn about:

CHRIST THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF MEN

1. Christ the Light of men.
2. Christ the Sacrifice for men.
3. Christ the Winner of men.
4. Christ the Companion of men.
5. Christ the Teacher of men.
6. Christ the Forgiver of men.
7. Christ the Healer of men.
8. Christ the Helper of men.
9. Christ the Provider for men.
10. Christ the Persuader of men.
11. Christ the Freer of men.
12. Christ the Light-giver to men.
13. Christ the Life of believing men.

A Little Laos Giver

A missionary, writing in Over Sea and Land, tells of a dear little girl in a country called Laos, who in her own sweet, unselfish way wanted to save up her hard-earned

money to give to the Lord. Whenever Kum Paw sees any bananas ripe in their little garden, she begins to tease her mother to let her bring them to sell to the "Mother Teacher," to get some *atts* to give to the Lord. (An "att" is less than a cent of our money.) So about once in two weeks she appears in my doorway with her bananas, and I am always glad to buy them from her. Her mother always comes with her and does the talking.

The second time she came, she said on the way over, "I beg my mother to give the bananas to the Mother Teacher. I am afraid I will lose my speech again."

To-day the little thing brought some

flowers, too, and put them into my hand all carefully wrapped up in a green banana leaf and tied with a bit of grass. They were mere weeds with a rank odor, but they were all she could find to-day, and as her gift they were fragrant. To-day her mother told me she would have to take some of the *atts* to buy food, and give some of them to the Lord. They are quite poor and have to live on what they can raise in the garden and from the produce of the few cattle they own. But little Kum Paw is not going to be hindered by poverty from giving to the Lord. I want you all to love her, because she loves the Lord, and loves to give to Him, as I hope you do.

THE YEAR

A RECITATION FOR TWELVE CHILDREN

First Child

I am just a tiny baby,
January is my name ;
Full of joy, and full of wonder,
Into this great world I came.

Second Child

I am little February,
Cold and chilling though I be,
Still my heart is true and loving ;
Brighter days begin in me.

Third Child

I am March, and strong and sturdy
Are the breezes that I blow—
Strong to strengthen, strong to banish
All the winter ice and snow.

Fourth Child

I am April, mild and gentle,
And my tender little showers
Open all the tiny leaflets,
Quicken all the pretty flowers.

Fifth Child

I am May, so sweet and smiling,
Bringing blossoms everywhere,
Crowning all the earth with beauty,
Bright and merry, fresh and fair.

Sixth Child

I am June, and bring you roses,
Full of beauty, full of love ;
Filling all the earth with gladness,
Radiant as the sky above.

Seventh Child

I am fair July, and freely
Shed my sunbeams o'er the land ;
Flowers and fruit, and all things growing,
Flourish 'neath my warm young hand.

Eighth Child

I am August, brilliant August,
And I cast my burning rays
Widely o'er the world of sunshine
In a wondrous glow of praise.

Ninth Child

I am glorious September,
And to sweet perfection bring
Fruits of vale and hill and meadow,
Harvest crops, and everything.

Tenth Child

I am golden, fair October ;
Joyfully I gather in
All the bounteous gifts of Nature,
Safe before the frosts begin.

Eleventh Child

I am misty, dull November ;
See, my leaves I scatter fast,
Thus to spread o'er earth a shelter
From the cold and bitter blast.

Twelfth Child

I am cold and bleak December ;
But I'm best of all, because—
Though I am so cold and wintry—
I bring dear old Santa Claus !

—Cassell's Little Folks

An Order of Service
AN ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1905

Jackson
Toronto

I. RECITATION IN CONCERT.

Teacher. What invitation has Jesus given the children ?

Class. Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God.

Teacher. What promise is given to those who seek Him early ?

Class. Those that seek Me early shall find Me.

II. SINGING. Hymn 556, Book of Praise.

III. PRAYER, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in concert.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse and repeat Psalm 23 ; also Isa. 9 : 6. Learn verse by verse and sing Hymn 587, Book of Praise :—

There is a city bright,

Closed are its gates to sin

Nought that defileth,

Nought that defileth

Can ever enter in.

Lord, make me, from this hour,

Thy loving child to be,

Kept by Thy power,

Kept by Thy power

From all that grieveth Thee :

Saviour, I come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I pray—

Cleanse me and save me,

Cleanse me and save me,

Wash all my sins away.

Till in the snow-white dress

Of Thy redeemed I stand,

Faultless and stainless,

Faultless and stainless,

Safe in that happy land. Amen.

V. 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.)

VI. OFFERINGS. Sing a verse of Hymn 562, Book of Praise :—

We have heard a joyful sound,

Jesus Saves ! Jesus Saves !

Spread the gladness all around ;

Jesus Saves ! Jesus Saves !

Bear the news to every land,

Climb the steeps and cross the waves ;

Onward !—'Tis our Lord's command ;

Jesus Saves ! Jesus Saves ! Amen.

VII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

VIII. PRAYER.

IX. REPEAT IN CONCERT :

Beautiful Saviour

King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man !

Truly I'd love Thee,

Truly I'd serve Thee,

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Primary S. S. Hymnal

Lesson I.

CHRIST THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF MEN January 1, 1905

John 1 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 1-4.*

Golden Text—In him was life ; and the life was the light of men.—John 1 : 4.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him ; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life ; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness ; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even, to them that believe on his name :

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me : for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Mo'ses, but grace and truth came by Je'sus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time ; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Miss Robinson
 The most intimate of all the friends of Jesus was His disciple John, who, when he was an old man, wrote a book to prove that His Master was the Son of God. This book, which is now part of the Bible, begins with these words : " In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him ; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life ; and the life was the light of men."

John called Jesus the Word, because by the command which He spoke the world and everything upon it were made. He

it was who placed the sun in the sky to give light and cheer to men's bodies ; but He Himself was the Light and Life of men's hearts. For this reason He was called the Light of the world. God gave to every man a mind and soul, that he should know and love his Maker. But when men, through sin and disobedience, had forgotten that they were made in the image and likeness of God, then God the Son became a man, that He might show the way back to the Heavenly Father.

Though Jesus was the Light and the Life, there were few who were glad to see Him when He came. The Jews, who should have

*The Scripture Memory passages of the Supplemental Lesson Course are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lesson Leaflets.

been the first to welcome Him, refused to receive Him.

The first man to recognize Jesus as the Son of God was John the Baptist. This man had been sent by God to warn and prepare the hearts of the people for the coming of the Saviour. For this reason John the Baptist called himself the herald or forerunner of Christ. Though John was among the greatest of preachers, Jesus was greater than he, for He alone offers to give to those who receive Him the right to become the sons of God, and this gift He still promises to all who believe on His name.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Jesus' dearest disciple ?
2. Why did John write a book ?
3. What name did he give to Jesus ?
4. Why was Jesus called the Word ?
5. What did God give man besides a body ?
6. How did man become unlike God ?
7. What plan did God take to bring man back to Himself ?
8. How was God's Son received, when He became a man ?
9. Who bore witness that He was the Saviour ?
10. What does Christ promise to those who believe on Him ?
11. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"Mother," asked Lily, "how can God be more than one Person? In to-day's Lesson He is spoken of as the Heavenly Father, and again as God the Son. How can such a thing be?"

"That is a question that has puzzled older heads than yours, my little daughter," answered her mother. "But if you will run into the garden and bring me a clover leaf, I will show you how it was explained to me, when I was a little girl, by my first Sunday School teacher."

In a moment Lily returned with the leaf. "How many parts has it?" asked mother. "Three," counted Lily. "But not three leaves," pointed out her mother. "See how they are all joined into one stem! In the same way God is three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but these three are one God."

"I think I see what you mean, mother," said Lily. "I will remember the lesson of the clover leaf."

Lesson Hymn

Light of life, that knows no fading,
From all changing ever free,
Holy Light, that knows no shading,
Shine, shine on me. Amen.

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

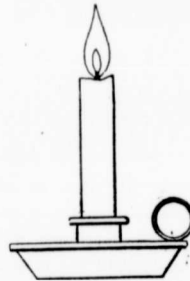
SHORTER CATECHISM—57. Which is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

The Question on Missions

1. What is a missionary? A missionary means one who is sent, as Jesus Christ was sent by His Father in heaven, and the apostles were sent by Jesus.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How often Jesus used to speak of simple, common things! One day He talked to His disciples about a candle. He told them



that a lighted candle was meant to be placed on a candle-stick, to give light to all around. What did He mean? Just this, that we should try to make things bright and happy for others.

**I Have Learned Today That
MY LIFE MAY BE A LIGHT**

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THE WITNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST TO JESUS

January 8, 1905

John 1 : 19-34—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—

John 1 : 29.



28 These things were done in Bethab'ara beyond Jor'dan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me : for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not : but that he should be made manifest to Is'rael, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not : but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

John the Baptist was the last of the prophets. His home was in the wilderness, where he lived and dressed as an ordinary shepherd, eating only the food of the poorest of the people, which was locusts and wild honey. He was seldom seen in the cities, but day after day he preached beside the river Jordan, saying, "Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." So earnest was his message, that thousands were turned from their sins and came asking to be baptized.

The fame of John became so great, that

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Le'vites from Jeru'salem to ask him, Who art thou ?

20 And he confessed, and denied not ; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then ? Art thou Eli'as ? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet ? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou ? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself ?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esai'as.

24 And they which were sent were of the Phar'isees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Eli'as, neither that prophet ?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water : but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not ;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

people began to think that perhaps he was the promised Saviour. Others said he was Elijah risen from the dead. In order to settle the matter, the Jews one day sent a deputation of priests and teachers from Jerusalem to ask him if he were indeed the Christ, or even Elijah.

But John answered them, "I am not. I am but the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.'" "Why then do you baptize ?" asked the Pharisees. "Only as a sign of repentance," answered

John. "My work is to prepare the people to receive a greater Teacher than myself. I am nothing, He is everything; and He is already among you, but you do not know Him."

Though John spoke thus of Jesus, he, as yet, had not seen Him. But the very next day, Jesus came, amongst others, to the Jordan to be baptized by John. Then John saw heaven open, and God's Spirit resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove. By this sign he knew Him to be the Son of God, and bore witness to Him before all the people, crying, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is the Holy One of whom I spake, whose very shoes I am unworthy to untie."

With the coming of his Master, John knew now that his own work was almost at an end.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was John the Baptist? 2. Where did he live? 3. Where did he preach? 4. What was his message? 5. Whom did some of the people take John to be? 6. Why was he called the Baptist? 7. Who sent to ask him who he was? 8. What did he say about himself? 9. For whom did he say he came to prepare? 10. When did John first see Jesus? 11. How did he know Him to be the Son of God? 12. What did he say to the people about Him?

Lesson Story

"Who knows how to make a straight path through the snow?" asked Uncle Frank. "Suppose we try!" Half way across the field each turned to look at the path he had left behind. Mine was the crookedest I ever saw, Johnnie's and Tom's were little better, but Uncle Frank's was straight as an arrow.

"How did you do it, Uncle?" Johnnie asked. "I just kept my eye fixed on that tree yonder—that's the way to make straight paths—look at something ahead of you," Uncle Frank answered.

"Doesn't the Bible say something about 'making straight paths for our feet'?" asked Tom. "The way to make them," said Uncle Frank, "is to fix your eyes on Jesus, just as I fixed mine upon the tree."

Lesson Hymn

It tells me of a Saviour's love,
Who died to set me free;

It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea. Amen.

—Hymn 179, Book of Praise

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.

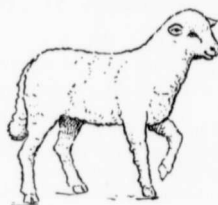
SHORTER CATECHISM—58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set time as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

The Question on Missions

2. What was the command given by our Lord to His apostles? The command given to the apostles was,—“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16: 15).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Why was Jesus called a Lamb? Because He was so pure and gentle—that was one reason. But there was another reason be-



sides this. Among the Jews a lamb was slain, so that the people might have their sins forgiven. And every one of us knows that Jesus died on the cross, that God might forgive our sins.

I Have Learned To-day
TO POINT OTHERS TO JESUS

John 1 : 35-51—Memory Verses, 40, 41.

Golden Text—Thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Israel.—John 1 : 49.

43 The day following Je'sus would go forth into Gal'ilee, and findeth Phil'ip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Phil'ip was of Beth'sai'da, the city of An'drew and Pe'ter.

45 Phil'ip findeth Nathan'ael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Mo'ses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Je'sus of Naz'areth, the son of Jo'seph.

46 And Nathan'ael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Naz'areth? Phil'ip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Je'sus saw Nathan'ael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Is'raelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathan'ael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Je'sus answered and said unto him, Before that Phil'ip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathan'ael answered and saith unto him, Rab'bi, thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Is'rael.

50 Je'sus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day John the Baptist, seeing Jesus passing by on the road, again pointed Him out to some of his friends, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God!" At this, John and Andrew, two young fishermen, began to follow Him. Hearing their footsteps, Jesus turned and said, "For whom are you looking?" "Master," they answered, "where dwellest thou?" "Come and see," answered Jesus, and without further invitation John and Andrew went with Jesus to His lodgings, and remained with Him the rest of the day, and became His first pupils or disciples.

Now Andrew had a brother named Simon, also a fisherman, and as soon as he could find him, he brought him to Jesus. When Jesus saw Simon, He received him, too, as a disciple, and changed his name to Peter, meaning "a rock."

The next day Jesus wished to go northward to Galilee. But He first chose another young fisherman of Galilee named Philip as His pupil, saying to him, "Follow me." So great was Philip's joy at finding Jesus, that he hurried to tell the good news to his friend Nathanael, whom

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples ;

36 And looking upon Je'sus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God !

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Je'sus.

38 Then Je'sus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rab'bi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day : for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Si'mon, and saith unto him, We have found the Mes-si'as, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Je'sus. And when Je'sus beheld him, he said, Thou art Si'mon the son of Jo'na : thou shalt be called Ce'phas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

he found sitting under a fig-tree. "We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write," said Philip to him, "Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph."

Nathanael, who had been a great student of the Old Testament, said he could not believe that anything good could come from such a despised place as Nazareth. But when Philip had persuaded him to come and see Jesus for himself, he changed his mind.

When the Saviour saw Nathanael, He spoke to him so kindly that Philip's friend was astonished, and asked how He knew him? Jesus said, "When thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." Nathanael, knowing that Jesus had read his thoughts, cried out, "Master, Thou art none other than the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel." Jesus was delighted at Nathanael's sudden trust in Himself, and promised that he should have even greater proof of His glory, and should one day see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a disciple?
2. Who were John and Andrew?
3. Who pointed them to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say when He saw them following Him?
5. What did He invite them to do?
6. Whom did Andrew bring to Jesus?
7. What name did Jesus give him?
8. Who was Philip?
9. What did Jesus say to him?
10. Who was Nathanael?
11. What did he say when Philip told him of Jesus?
12. What did Jesus tell Nathanael, that surprised him?
13. What was his answer? (Golden Text.)
14. Name five of Christ's first disciples.

Lesson Story

A small boy was once asked by a kindly old man to come into his orchard and help himself to some of the ripening fruit.

"No, thank you," said the honest little fellow, "I picked up one or two yesterday that had fallen over the fence into the street, and they're not—very sweet."

"Those are not the best trees on the edge of the orchard," laughed the old man, "it's inside the garden that the fruit is sweetest."

Jesus wants His little ones to have the very best things that He can give, and the nearer they come to Him the better His gifts are.

Lesson Hymn

Should the world and sin oppose,
We will follow Jesus;
He is greater than our foes;
We will follow Jesus:
On His promise we depend,
He will succor and defend,
Help and keep us to the end;
We will follow Jesus. Amen.
—Hymn 534, 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.

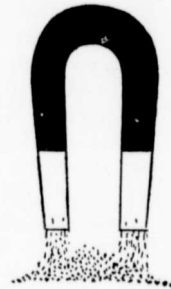
SHORTER CATECHISM—59. *Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?* A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

The Question on Missions

3. What were the apostles first to do? They were first to tarry in Jerusalem until they should receive power from on high, that is, the Holy Spirit (Luke 24 : 49 ; Acts 1 : 4, 5 ; 2 : 4).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Don't you know some people you always love to go to? It seems as if they drew you to them, as the magnet draws the iron



filings, they are so kind and good. Here's a very easy question. Who is the very kindest and best One you know? Are not you just as sure as you can be, that it is Jesus?

I Have Learned To-day
TO FOLLOW JESUS

Lesson IV.

THE FIRST MIRACLE IN CANA

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John 2 : 1-11—Memory Verse, 11.

Golden Text—Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.—John 2 : 5.

drew the water knew ;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine ; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse : *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Je'sus in Ca'na of Gal'ilee, and manifested forth his glory ; and his disciples believed on him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Very little is said in the Bible about the first years of Jesus' life. After the story of His wonderful birth in Bethlehem, there is nothing known for certain about His childhood, except the account of His first visit to the Passover at Jerusalem, when He was twelve years old, and when He stayed behind to listen to the great teachers in the temple, and to ask them questions, and how every one was astonished at His wonderful sayings.

Jesus was about thirty years old when He chose His first disciples. He had not yet begun to preach or to teach, but spent His time working as a carpenter in Nazareth, where Mary His mother still lived. Some of Mary's friends lived at Cana, a village only a few miles away. One day Mary and her household received an invitation to go to Cana to a wedding. At the same time a particular message was sent to Jesus, begging that He also would come to the marriage and bring with Him His new disciples.

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Gal'ilee ; and the mother of Je'sus was there :

2 And both Je'sus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Je'sus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Je'sus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee ? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bear *it*.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was : (but the servants which

When Jesus and His friends arrived in Cana, they found the bridegroom's house crowded with a gay and happy company, the wedding feast having already begun. So great was the gathering, that the six large water jars which stood near the door, out of which the guests drew water to wash their hands as they came in, were almost empty. Suddenly, in the midst of the music and rejoicing, the mother of Jesus called her Son aside, saying she wished to speak to Him. In an anxious whisper she now told Jesus that, on account of the number of the guests, the wine was giving out, and that, unless something could be done, the bridegroom would be disgraced before all his friends.

As Mary urged and entreated her Son to give His attention to the matter, Jesus turned and said to her very graciously, but also firmly, "Woman, what have I to do with thee ? Mine hour is not yet come,"

meaning that He, being God, would choose the right time and way to offer His help. Mary then turned to the servants, and told them to be ready to do anything that Jesus asked them.

After a few minutes Jesus gave orders that the water jars beside the door be filled with water. Then He said to one of the servants, "Dip out a cupful, and carry it to the master of the feast." And he, when he had tasted it, said, "What good wine this is! Surely there is some mistake. Why has the bridegroom saved the best wine until now?" Then the servants told him about the water jars, and how Jesus had turned the water into wine, so that there was enough for all.

Soon everybody was talking about the wonder that had been done. The disciples also were filled with amazement, and felt sure that their Master was the Son of God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where were Mary and Jesus invited to a wedding? 2. Who also were bidden? 3. What did Mary tell Jesus, when He came to the house? 4. What did she say to the servants? 5. What orders did Jesus give? 6. What did he say when the jars were full? 7. What did the master of the feast say, when he had tasted the wine? 8. What did the servants tell him about it? 9. What did the people who saw Jesus' first miracle think about Him? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When Chrissy Lee came to invite Katie Adams, who was two years older than Nellie, to her birthday party, she said, "I'm not going to invite you, Nellie; you are so much younger than we are."

Nellie's feelings were sadly hurt. She went away and cried about it. But when the cry was over, she began to think, and running to her mother, she asked if she might have a party when her birthday came. "And I'll invite all the little bits of things," she said, "so they won't feel badly."

The day came, and the invitations went out to all her little playmates and their younger brothers and sisters, and a gay

company it was. "It was the very pleasantest day in my whole life," said Nellie, when they had all gone. "That was because you were trying to give pleasure, not to get it," said her mother; "and that always brings a good time."

Lesson Hymn

Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom, and my all. Amen.

—Hymn 287, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

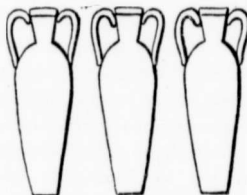
SHORTER CATECHISM—60. *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?* A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

The Question on Missions

4. Where were the first missionaries to begin? They were to begin at home; and then to go to the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Wasn't it wonderful to see wine being drawn out of jars which had just been filled with water? But Jesus can do even more



wonderful things than this. He can change our bad tempers, so that the ugly frown will go away and the sweet smile come in its place, and we shall speak and act kindly.

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS SHARES MY JOYS

John 3 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3 : 16.



1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nic'ode'mus, a ruler of the Jews :

2 The same came to Je'sus by night, and said unto him, Rabb'i, we know that thou art a teacher come from God : for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Je'sus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nic'ode'mus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Je'sus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh ; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth : so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nic'ode'mus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Je'sus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Is'rael, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen ; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Mo'ses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up :

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One evening, when Jesus was resting in the upper room of a friend's house in Jerusalem, a man named Nicodemus came to see Him. Nicodemus was a very great man among the Jews, being one of the chief rulers and teachers in Jerusalem. He belonged to the people known as Pharisees, who prided themselves that they alone understood the keeping and teaching of God's law. But, wealthy and proud though he was, Nicodemus had been so attracted by the miracles and teaching of Jesus, that he was determined to know more about Him. He was not sure that his friends would be pleased to see him talking with Jesus, so he made his call at night.

"Master," said Nicodemus, as soon as he came in, "we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God : for no man can do the wonders that Thou doest, unless God be with him." "Yes," answered Jesus, "that is true, but except a man be born again, he cannot belong to the kingdom of God." Nicodemus stupidly supposed that Jesus meant, that he, a grown man, should again, become a little child, and asked how such a thing could be.

Then Jesus explained that to be born again meant that one's heart must be changed by the Holy Spirit. We cannot see Him with our eyes, just as we cannot see the wind, but we know Him by what He does. But Nicodemus could not yet

understand. He had studied books and rules so long, that he could learn no lesson from such a common thing as the wind.

Jesus was surprised that a man who held such a high position as teacher and leader of the people should be so blind, but as they sat and talked together, the proud Pharisee learned so much from Jesus, that he afterwards became one of His faithful friends and disciples.

Before he left, Jesus told Nicodemus the meaning of the story of Moses and the serpent (Num. 21 : 4-9), saying, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up : that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." The gift of eternal life is from God and is bestowed upon us because of God's great love to men.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus when Nicodemus came to see Him? 2. Who was Nicodemus? 3. Why did he come at night? 4. What did he and the other Pharisees believe? 5. What did Nicodemus say to Jesus? 6. What did Jesus say to him? 7. What did Jesus mean by being born again? 8. What did Nicodemus think that He meant? 9. How is God's Spirit like the wind? 10. Of what Old Testament story did Jesus talk to Nicodemus? 11. How did He explain it? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Donald was getting to be a pretty good swimmer. Now, his great ambition was to learn to float. Somehow, he went down like a log every time he attempted it. One day Uncle John was standing on the shore while the boys were in the water, and seeing Donald's struggles to float, he called, "Let yourself go, boy! Let yourself go!"

Donald took one long breath, threw back his head, flung his body out straight, and down he went as usual; and then slowly rose, to feel the water rocking beneath him like a cradle. He was floating, and it was so easy.

This is the way with the life of faith. All we need to do is to let ourselves go. Only believe, and Jesus will do the rest.

Lesson Hymn

God loved the world of sinners lost
And ruined by the fall;
Salvation full, at highest cost,
He offers free to all. Amen.
—Hymn 129, Book of Praise

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—61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments, or recreations.

The Question on Missions

5. How many were converted under the first day's preaching? About 3,000 were converted under Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2 : 41). These were all Jews.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Very easy, isn't it, just to look! But, you remember, a look did a great deal for some people. They were poisoned by ser-



pent bites. God told Moses to make a serpent of brass, and put it on a pole. Then every one who looked at the brass serpent was healed. Why? Because they did as God told them to do. So when we trust Jesus, He saves us.

**I Have Learned To-day
TO LET JESUS TEACH ME**

John 4 : 5-14. Study vs. 1-42—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—Rev. 22 : 17.



5 Then cometh he to a city of Sama'ria, which is called Sy'char, near to the parcel of ground that Ja'cob gave to his son Jo'seph.

6 Now Ja'cob's well was there. Je'sus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well : *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Sama'ria to draw water : Je'sus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Sama'ria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Sama'ria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Sama'ritans.

10 Je'sus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink ; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep : from whence then hast thou that liv-

ing water? 12 Art thou greater than our father Ja'cob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Je'sus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again :

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The land of Palestine was so dry, that one of the kindest acts a man could do was to build public wells over a spring or fountain of water. Such a well had been built by Jacob near Sychar.

On His way back from Jerusalem to Galilee, Jesus and His disciples were obliged to pass through the country of Samaria. One day about noon, after travelling many hours on foot and having had little to eat, Jesus and His disciples came within sight of Sychar. Here, beside Jacob's well, Jesus sat down to rest, while the disciples went on into the town to buy food. Soon a Samaritan woman came along with a pitcher, which she filled by letting it down by a rope into the well. As she drew it up, Jēsus asked her to give Him a drink. Noticing by the stranger's speech and dress that He was a Jew, instead of giving Him a drink, she asked, in surprise, why He had spoken to

her ; for, as everyone knew, there was bad feeling between all Jews and Samaritans.

"If you but knew who I am," said Jesus, "you would have asked Me for living water."

"Sir," replied the woman, thinking He spoke of the water in the well, "I see you have no pitcher, and the well is deep. How then can you reach the living water? Unless, indeed," she added, "you are greater than our great ancestor Jacob, who dug the well and used it all his life,—but even he required something to draw with."

Jesus now told the woman that living water was not ordinary water ; and, pointing to the well, He said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again : but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but, like the spring which has filled this well for so many years, so the water that I shall give shall be in his soul a well of water springing up into ever-

lasting life." So far, the woman had no idea of Jesus' meaning. "If the water you speak of, Sir," she said, "will save me the trouble of coming here every day, I should like to have it."

"Where is your husband?" asked Jesus. The woman was startled that Jesus should know anything about her, and, thinking now that He must surely be a prophet, she asked if He could answer the great question between Jews and Samaritans, as to the proper place to worship. "But," said the woman, "I suppose that, when the Messiah comes, He will settle such things." Jesus said, "I that speak unto thee am He." At this the woman dropped her pitcher, and ran crying to her friends, "Come, see a man, that told me all that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Questions on the Lesson

1. What place near Sychar did Jesus come to?
2. Why did He stop at the well?
3. Where were the disciples?
4. Who came to draw water when they were gone?
5. What did Jesus ask the woman?
6. How did she answer Him?
7. What did Jesus offer to give her?
8. What did He tell her about living water?
9. What did she think He meant?
10. With what question did Jesus surprise her?
11. Who did the woman now take Him to be?
12. Who did Jesus tell her He was?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When Esther Grant was a tiny baby, she had a terrible sickness that left her little eyes closed forever.

As she grew older she learned to use her little fat fingers, by feeling things over and over, till she thought she knew what they really looked like. Sometimes her guesses were very funny, but they were always as much fun for Esther as for anyone else.

Though her eyes were closed to the light of the sun, and she could not see the beautiful things all about her, her little heart was full of happiness.

When asked one day, "What is love, Esther?" she smiled brightly and said, "It is the way everybody feels to everybody else."

Though Esther had so few of the outward joys and delights that come to most children, her heart seemed to have a bigger share of love.

Lesson Hymn

Ho! ye that thirst, approach the spring
 Where living waters flow:
 Free to that sacred fountain all
 Without a price may go. Amen.

—Hymn 136, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

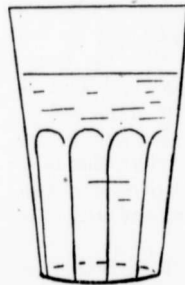
A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.

The Question on Missions

6. Who was the first Christian missionary to the Gentiles? Peter was the first to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles, when Cornelius and his household believed (Acts 10).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Perhaps the water in this glass came from a deep, cool well, perhaps from a sparkling spring, perhaps from a great lake. What a



blessing that, in our land, water is so plentiful! We need never go thirsty. Just as plentiful, and far more precious, are the blessings Jesus gives for our souls.

**I Have Learned Today
 TO SEEK PARDON FROM JESUS**

John 4: 43-54—Memory Verses, 49-51.

Golden Text—The same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.—John 5: 36.



43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Gal'ilee.

44 For Je'sus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Gal'ilee, the Gal'ile'ans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jeru'salem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Je'sus came again into Cana of Gal'ilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Caper'naum.

47 When he heard that Je'sus was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Je'sus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Je'sus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Je'sus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Je'sus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle that Je'sus did, when he was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the people of Sychar heard the story of the woman who had met Jesus by Jacob's well, many went out from the city to see Him, and after talking with Him for themselves, they too believed, saying, "This is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

The people of Samaria were now so rejoiced to have Jesus in their midst, that they persuaded Him to remain at Sychar for two days, after which He went on with His journey.

When He reached Galilee, Jesus was given a warm welcome, not only by His old acquaintances, but by many of the people who had returned from the Passover at Jerusalem with wonderful reports of the miracles and wonders they had there seen Him perform. Among the first towns that Jesus revisited was Cana, where He had made the water wine. As soon as it was known that

He was there, a man came running to Him in great trouble. By his dress and manners it was plain that the stranger was a nobleman, and accustomed to every honor and attention; but he had been able to trust no one but himself to carry to the Saviour his present request, which was that Jesus should return with him at once to Capernaum and heal his son, who was ill and already at the point of death.

Now Jesus never worked a miracle simply to please or astonish people. He always required that those whom He helped in this way should first show that they believed in Him. And so, as much for the sake of those who stood by as for the father, Jesus now said, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe!" "Sir," cried the distressed father, with his thought only for his boy, "Come down, ere my child die."

"He shall not die," said Jesus, "Go home, and you will find him well."

The father had at first supposed that Jesus would need to see his son before He could cure him, but at the words, "Thy son liveth," he turned to go, believing it should all be even as Jesus had said. So certain was he that Jesus would do what He had promised, that he delayed until the next day before returning to Capernaum.

On the way his servants met him with the good news that his son was, not only alive, but completely well. "What time did he begin to improve?" asked the father. "Yesterday," they answered, "at one o'clock, the fever left him." Then the nobleman knew that at that time Jesus had said, "Thy son liveth." From that day, not only the nobleman, but his whole household, became earnest believers in Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the people of Galilee receive Jesus? 2. What town did He first visit? 3. Why did the people flock to Him? 4. For whom alone did Jesus work miracles? 5. Who came to Him in Cana? 6. What request did the nobleman make? 7. What did Jesus say? 8. How did the father answer? 9. What promise did Jesus give him? 10. With what news did the nobleman's servants meet him? 11. What question did he ask them? 12. What was their answer? 13. What had Jesus said at that time? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When little Susie Gordon had scarlet fever, she was put in quarantine, that is, she was placed in a room by herself and kept away from the other children. As it was a mild case, her grandfather used to go upstairs every day and sit with the child.

One day Susie took her grandfather to a corner of the room, and showed him some alphabet bricks arranged to spell out, "I want you to get me a box of paints."

Next day he brought the paints from town, but left them in his overcoat pocket when he went up to see his little girl. She didn't say anything, but she took him to the corner again, and he read, "I thank you, grandpa, for the box of paints." She had faith in him, and was sure he had not forgotten.

Lesson Hymn

And lo! Thy touch brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Owned Thee the Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as of yore,
In crowded street, by restless couch,
As by Gennesaret's shore. Amen.

—Hymn 38, 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—63. *Which is the fifth commandment?* A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

The Question on Missions

7. Who were the first missionaries to foreign countries? Paul and Barnabas, who were sent forth from the Church at Antioch, were the first foreign missionaries (Acts 13: 1-5).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Did you ever see lightning shoot across the sky. Just as quickly as that, can Jesus send us help. It was one o'clock, you re-



member, when He told the nobleman that his son was cured miles away. And the nobleman's servants told him that the lad began to get better at that very hour.

I Have Learned To-day
TO TRUST JESUS

Golden Text—And a great multitude followed him because they saw his miracles.—
John 6: 2.



1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Je'sus went up to Jeru'salem.

2 Now there is at Jeru'salem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the He'brew tongue Bethes'da, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Je'sus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Je'sus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made

whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was 'he sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Je'sus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

14 Afterward Je'sus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Je'sus, which had made him whole.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One Passover Sabbath in Jerusalem, when Jesus was quietly taking a walk outside the temple, He came to a curious spring or pool, called Bethesda, where at certain times, the water rose up and bubbled, as if it were boiling. Because the water of this pool was said to cure diseases, a five-pointed porch or pavilion, with steps leading down to the water, had been built over it to shelter bathers. For it was supposed by the common people, that the bubbling of the water was caused by an angel, who stirred it up at certain times, after which whoever first stepped into it would be cured of whatever disease he had.

On this Passover Sabbath the porch was

crowded with people, some lame, some blind, some paralyzed, all waiting for the moving of the water. As Jesus passed by, and saw all these poor helpless people, He spoke very gently and tenderly to one of the sufferers, a man who had been an invalid and unable to walk for thirty-eight years, and said, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

The man answered, "Sir, I have no friend to help me reach the water; and whenever it begins to rise, some one always gets down ahead of me, and I have to wait." Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." At once the man obeyed, and throwing his mattress over his shoulder, walked out of the porch well and strong, while Jesus passed

quietly and quickly away from the astonished crowd.

When the Jews heard of the matter, they were very angry, and said it was a sin for anyone to carry a bed on the Sabbath day, or even so much as to pick a leaf or flower from a tree. They called the man who had been cured, and questioned him closely as to who had told him to carry his bed; but he could not tell them. Jesus was now nowhere to be seen.

Some time after, in the temple, Jesus met the man whom He had cured, and said to him, "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." Then the man returned to the Jews, and told them it was Jesus Himself who had made him well.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was the pool of Bethesda?
2. What was strange about the water?
3. Whom did Jesus see among the crowd gathered there to be healed?
4. What did He say to the man who was a cripple?
5. How did he answer?
6. What command did Jesus give him?
7. How did the man show that he was cured?
8. Why were the Jews angry?
9. Why could they not find Jesus?
10. Where did Jesus afterwards meet the man He had healed?
11. What did He say to him?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One cold winter's day, an old man, blind and crippled, sat on the pavement playing his little hand-organ. He was very cold and discouraged. No one had dropped a single penny into his cup that day.

Presently an old woman, ragged and poor like himself, came out of a lane near by, where she had been picking up coal. Seeing the old organ-grinder, a look of sympathy came into her eyes. She picked up his cap which had blown off, and replacing it on his head, tied it down with a tattered handkerchief. Then, feeling in her pocket, she dropped a copper into the little cup and went on her way.

After that the day did not seem so long or so cold to the old organ-grinder. Someone had noticed him and had tried to help him.

Lesson Hymn

God will never leave thee;
 All thy wants He knows,
 Feels the pains that grieve thee,
 Sees thy cares and woes:
 If in grief thou languish
 He will dry the tear,
 Who His children's anguish
 Soothes with succor near. Amen.
 —Hymn 75, 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.

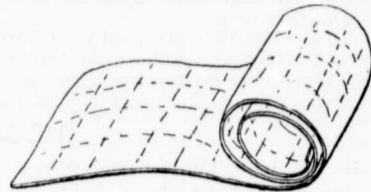
SHORTER CATECHISM—64. What is required in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

The Question on Missions

8. Where, and by whom, was the gospel first preached in Europe? The gospel was first preached in Europe at Philippi in Macedonia by Paul and Silas (Acts 16:12, 13).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Shut your eyes and imagine two pictures. In one there is a man lying helpless, not able to move. In the other, we see a man



carrying his mat bed on his shoulders and walking along the street. Jesus has made him well and strong. Are we thankful because Jesus keeps us well and strong?

**I Have Learned Today
 TO LET JESUS HELP ME**

THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

February 26, 1905

John 6 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—I am the living bread which came down from heaven.—John 6 : 51.



1 After these things Je'sus went over the sea of Gal'ilee, which is *the sea* of Tibe'rias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Je'sus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Je'sus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Phil'ip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him : for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Phil'ip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes : but what are they among so many?

10 And Je'sus said, Make the men sit

down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Je'sus took the loaves ; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down ; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Je'sus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Most of Jesus' miracles were done in the neighborhood of the lake of Galilee. There was not a town or village for miles around in which some one had not been healed by His gracious power. Everyday He was followed by crowds bringing their deaf and blind and lame friends to be cured.

The throngs which pressed upon Jesus and His disciples had now grown so great that He could find no time even to eat. Late one summer afternoon, when He had been teaching all day in Capernaum, He said to His disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side of Lake Galilee, that we may rest." But no sooner did the people see Jesus stepping into His boat, than they followed Him around the edge of the lake.

Jesus had just sat down to rest on the quiet, grassy side of one of the hills, when He saw the people coming again in thousands to meet Him. Weary though He was, He remembered that they were now far from their home, night was coming on, and though they were both tired and hungry, there were no shops near where they could buy themselves food.

Now Jesus knew what He would do, but He wanted to see if His disciples had faith in Him, so He said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread to feed these people?" "Why Master," answered Philip in astonishment, "thirty dollars' worth of bread would scarcely do it, even if we had the money!"

Just then Andrew came up with the news

that a small boy in the company had a basket with him, in which were five barley cakes and two small fishes. "Bring them to me," said Jesus, "and tell the people to sit down in order on the grass." When they were seated, the men on one side, the women and children on the other, Jesus took the boy's lunch, and when He had asked God's blessing upon it, He handed it to the disciples, telling them to pass it to the people.

Now the number of men alone was more than five thousand, but Jesus made the food enough for all these, as well as for the women and children, so that when supper was over, there were many pieces of bread and fish left lying on the grass. These Jesus told the disciples to save, and when each had filled his hand-basket, there was found to be in all, twelve basketsful remaining, which was more bread and fish than there had been at the first.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus cross Lake Galilee?
2. Who followed Him?
3. How did Jesus receive them?
4. How came the people to be hungry?
5. What did Jesus say to Philip?
6. How did he answer?
7. Who told Jesus of the boy's lunch?
8. What was in it?
9. What command did Jesus give the disciples?
10. How many people sat down?
11. What did Jesus do with the food?
12. How was it proved that there was enough?
13. What did Jesus say was to be done with what was left?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Come, Willie boy," said Grandma Crofts, "dinner is ready. Let's say grace." "Don't say much, Grandma," whispered Willie, "'cause we haven't much for dinner, you see."

"What do you suppose Johnny Pole and Etta have for dinner?" asked grandma. "This morning I saw Mrs. Pole just starting out to do a day's washing. She had left the children each a slice of bread, with a little molasses on it; but as they felt hungry, as soon as she went away, they ate up the slices. So Johnny said they would have to eat crumbs for dinner."

"Grandma," cried Willie, "see, we have

two dumplings left, let's give them to Johnny and Etta." "Indeed we will," answered grandma, "that is the best way of saying grace. To feed Christ's hungry little ones is the best way of showing our thankfulness."

Lesson Hymn

The birds, without barn
Or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn
To trust for our bread:
His saints what is fitting
Shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written,
"The Lord will provide." Amen.
—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

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—65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

The Question on Missions

9. Did these early preachers meet with opposition? These early preachers suffered much persecution; Stephen (Acts 7:59) and James (Acts 12:2) were put to death, as also, most likely, Peter and Paul.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There are many things we cannot get without money. But we do not need money for the best things. They come straight



from God, and He gives them free. Think of your father and mother—they do not love you for money. You do not have to pay for your happy home. Oh, how much God gives us, and how we should love Him!

I Have Learned Today
THAT JESUS FEEDS ME

John 7 : 37-46—Memory Verse, 37.

Golden Text—Never man spake like this man.—John 7 : 46.

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Besides the Passover, the Jews had a great feast or festival called the Feast of Tabernacles or Tents, which was held in the autumn, and took the form of a harvest thanksgiving for all the people. The Feast of Tabernacles lasted a whole week, during which time the people gathered in Jerusalem from every part of the country, and lived in booths or arbors, which they made out of palm branches and pine boughs.

Now while Jesus was preaching and teaching and working miracles in Galilee, His fame had spread throughout the whole land. If He had allowed it, the Galileans would gladly have made Him their king. All this aroused the fury and jealousy of the Pharisees in Jerusalem, who now made up their minds that, if possible, they would kill Jesus, and, as they thought, put an end to His claim as the Saviour. So when, after harvest, the Feast of Tabernacles began in Jerusalem, the rulers, knowing Jesus would be there, were planning how they might take Him.

Jesus had been in the city for nearly a

37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Je'sus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive : for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given* ; because that Je'sus was not yet glorified.)

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Gal'ilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of Da'vid, and out of the town of Beth'lehem where Da'vid was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him ; but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Phar'isees ; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

week, but so far no man dared to touch Him, for fear of the people. Day by day, for seven days, the people formed in a great procession at the door of the temple, and marched with flutes and drums out to the fountain of Siloam. At the head of the line went the priest carrying a golden pitcher, which, when he had filled it, was carried back to the temple amidst great shouting and rejoicing, and poured upon the altar as a sign to all the people to wave their palm branches and join in the joyous thanksgiving Psalm, beginning, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good : for His mercy endureth forever."

But the eighth day was "the great day." It reminded the Jews of the time when their fathers entered into Canaan, "a land of springs of water." It was on this day, as the people were rejoicing in the temple, that the voice of Jesus rang out, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus meant that He alone could give His followers the

Holy Spirit, who should bring to their souls the same comfort and gladness that good water brings to the body.

And immediately many believed on Him, saying, "Surely this Man is the Saviour!" Others said, "The Bible teaches that Christ must come from Bethlehem, and we hear this Teacher is a Galilean." In this way a bitter dispute was started, during which the spies whom the Pharisees had placed here and there in the temple, watched how they might take Jesus prisoner. But they could not, being themselves overawed by His words, so that, at last, when the rulers called them, saying angrily, "Why have you not brought Him?" they answered, "Never man spake like this Man."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the Feast of Tabernacles?
2. Where was it held?
3. Who were looking for Jesus there?
4. Why did they wish to kill Him?
5. What did the people do when the water was poured on the altar?
6. Who spoke when the rejoicing was ended?
7. What did Jesus say?
8. What did He mean?
9. What did some of the people say?
10. Why would others not believe on Him?
11. Why did the officers not seize Jesus, as they had planned?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Oh! my poor little primrose!" and the tears came into Marion Kennedy's eyes, as she looked in dismay at the withered leaves and flowers of the little primrose plant, that yesterday had been covered with pearly, pink bells.

"You forgot to water it, dearie, I'm afraid," said mother gently.

"Why, I hav'nt watered it since it came," said Marion; "all the florist told me to do was to give it plenty of light, and I've left it in the window all the time."

"Besides the light, dear, plants must have water to make them grow," mother explained to Marion.

As the plants and flowers cannot live without water to give them nourishment, neither can Christ's little ones be happy and good unless they come to Him who said, "I am the water of life," and ask Him for some of His love.

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold I freely give
 The living water; thirsty one,
 Stoop down, and drink, and live!"
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him. Amen.
 —Hymn 138, Book of Praise

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—66. *What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?* A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

The Question on Missions

10. Who were the earliest missionaries to the British Isles? The first missionaries to the British Isles were Augustine to England, St. Columba to Scotland, and St. Patrick to Ireland, all more than 400 years after the birth of Christ.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Isn't it fine, to think that Jesus wants us to come to Him? All the way from heaven He came, to tell us how much He

COME UNTO ME

loves and how He wants us for His friends. And it isn't the big people only that He wants. He holds out His strong, loving arms to the very littlest one.

**I Have Learned To-day
 TO LISTEN TO JESUS.**

John 8 : 31-40—Memory Verses 31, 32.

Golden Text—Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.—John 8 : 34.

would do the works of A'braham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God : this did not A'braham.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus stood and taught in the temple on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, there were many who believed on Him. Jesus knew that in a few hours the festival would be over, and the people would have scattered to their homes. Some of them He would probably never see again.

The Saviour wished to teach His new friends how, even if they were far separated from Him, they might continue to be His true followers ; so He gave them this farewell message, " If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed." Jesus meant, that, to become a true disciple or pupil of Himself, one must learn to obey His commandments and keep His sayings. Only in this way would they learn the meaning of His truth and be free and happy in their lives.

But some who listened to Jesus' teaching took a wrong meaning out of His words, and at once began to find fault with Him, saying, " What is this that you say about making us free ? We are none of us slaves. We are all free-born descendants of Abraham,

31 Then said Je'sus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed ;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be A'braham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man : how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free ?

34 Je'sus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever : but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are A'braham's seed ; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father : and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, A'braham is our father. Je'sus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye

and have never been in bondage to any man." Then Jesus explained, what they had been too angry to see for themselves, that He was not speaking about being in slavery to an earthly master, but of being, as they were, the bond-slaves of sin. " Verily, verily," Jesus answered them, " whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin."

At this time much of the work of the richer people was done by slaves, who were often sold from one hard master to another. They were paid no wages, and were frequently starved or beaten by their owners.

In a large Eastern household there lived both the master's sons and their families, and these slaves, who waited upon them. " The great difference," said Jesus, " between sons and slaves is, that a son belongs to the family, and, wherever he may go, he comes back to it ; but the slave may be turned out at any time, unless, as sometimes happens, his master gives him his freedom. I am the Son of My Father in Heaven," said Jesus, " and in His name am come to offer you true freedom from the mastery of Satan,

that you also may be children of God."

But again the Jews answered proudly, "Abraham only is our father. We need no guide but him." "If you were Abraham's children," answered Jesus, "you would do the works of Abraham, which were pleasing to God. But instead of obeying the voice of the Lord, as he did, there are those among you who seek to kill Me, because I have told you the truth: such things did not Abraham."

But to all the Saviour's offers of forgiveness and love, His hearers returned angrier and angrier replies, and at last they went so far as to even take up stones to throw at Him, so that Jesus left the temple and was again forced to hide Himself.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Jesus' farewell message to those who believed on Him at the Feast?
2. What did He say would make His people free?
3. Who took a false meaning out of His words?
4. How did the Jews answer Jesus?
5. To whom were they really slaves?
6. How were slaves sometimes set free?
7. Whose Son did Jesus say He was?
8. What offer does He make to the slaves of sin?
9. Whose children did the Jews claim to be?
10. How did Jesus show that they were not true followers of Abraham?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Little Bertie had just finished his dinner, and was sitting before the fire with two apples in his hand, one red and one yellow. Suddenly his father, who was reading, heard him say, as if speaking to some one, "Thank you, little master." "To whom are you talking, Bertie?" he asked.

"Why papa, I had just finished my red apple and wanted to begin my yellow one too, when I remembered something I learned in school about giving our stomachs too much work to do. It seemed just as if it were saying, 'Thank you, little master, for not giving me that yellow apple to grind.' That's how the words slipped out."

"That's as good doctrine as the minister's, Bertie," said his father. "Don't let your body master you, and you'll be free all your life. Keep your body under, and your soul on top."

Lesson Hymn

There's a wicked spirit
Watching round you still,
And he tries to tempt you
To all harm and ill.
But you must not hear him,
Though 'tis hard for you
To resist the evil,
And the good to do. Amen.
—Hymn 529, 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—67. Which is the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

The Question on Missions

11. How was the Gospel brought to our own land? The Gospel was first brought to our own land by ministers and other faithful Christians among the early settlers.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How sad it is, that some people have to be locked up in prison with a key like this! They are too wicked to be allowed to live



among other people. But do you know, these wicked people were once little boys and girls. How terrible if any of us should become like them! But there is no fear, if we ask Jesus to keep us good.

**I Have Learned Today
TO LET JESUS MAKE ME FREE**

John 9 : 1-11. Study John 9 : 1-41—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

Golden Text—I am the light of the world.—John 9 : 5.



1 And as *Je'sus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 *Je'sus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents : but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day : the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of *Silo'am*, (which is by interpretation, *Sent*.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he : others *said*, He is like him : *but* he said, I am *he*.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called *Je'sus* made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of *Silo'am*, and wash : and I went and washed, and I received sight.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Sabbath following the Feast of Tabernacles, as Jesus was walking through the streets of Jerusalem with His disciples on His way to the synagogue, He saw a blind man sitting on the edge of the roadside, begging. This blind beggar-man was well known in the city, and people pitied him most of all because he had never been able to see, having been born blind. On this account, it was impossible for him to learn a trade or any business by which he might earn a living ; so there was nothing he could do but beg.

Now the Jews believed that, if a man had any special trouble or misfortune, it was because he had done something so wicked that his sickness was sent to him as a punishment. Knowing this, the disciples now said to Jesus, " Master, whose fault is it that this man was born blind ? Is he being punished for his own sin, or that of his parents ? " Jesus answered, " Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents. God has allowed

him to be blind, that, through opening his eyes, I may teach him that I am indeed the Son of God."

Then Jesus took some mud, which He made by spitting on the ground, and put it upon the eyes of the blind man ; after which He told him to go to the pool of *Siloam*, which was near, and wash his eyes. In a few minutes the beggar returned, having done as Jesus said, but he was no longer blind ; he had received his sight.

Soon the whole city had heard what had been done. His old neighbors, and those who had been accustomed to see the blind man every day, would not at first believe that this was the same man who sat begging in the streets. Some said, " We are sure this is the very man." Others said, " It looks like him." But he said, " I am he." Then they began to ply him with questions. " Tell us," they said, " exactly how your eyes were opened ! " They sent also for the man's father and mother, but neither

could they tell how he had been healed.

Again and again the beggar had to tell the story of his cure, and, before long, news of the miracle had reached the Pharisees, who were very angry that Jesus had again cured a man upon the Sabbath day. And they sent for the beggar and charged him with being a follower of Jesus; for which cause they forbade him ever again to enter the synagogue, or to have anything to do with God's house or worship.

When Jesus heard this, He Himself went in search of the outcast, and when He found him, He said, "Do you believe on the Son of God?" He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him?" Jesus said, "You both see and hear Him now, for He is talking with you." Then the beggar falling on his knees, worshipped Him. He had not only received his sight, but his heart was opened to see Jesus, his Friend and Saviour.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Jesus see on His way to the synagogue? 2. How long had he been blind? 3. What did the disciples ask Jesus? 4. What was His answer? 5. How did Jesus cure the blind man? 6. What did the beggar's friends say? 7. Why were the Pharisees angry? 8. What did they do to the man who had been cured? 9. What did Jesus do when He knew of it? 10. What did He say to the man He had healed? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A minister once visited a Deaf and Dumb Institute, and after having looked upon the silent inmates, he was requested to ask some of them a question by writing it upon the blackboard. He did not know quite what question to ask, but at last ventured to write in chalk upon the board:

"Why did God make you deaf and dumb, and make me so that I could hear and speak?"

The eyes of the silent ones were filled with tears; it was a great mystery. Then one of the little fellows went up to the board, and, taking the chalk, wrote under the question this answer: "Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

Lesson Hymn

Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light! Amen.
—Hymn 438, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

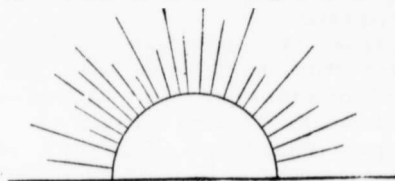
SHORTER CATECHISM—69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

The Question on Missions

12. Who were our first foreign missionaries? Our first foreign missionaries were Rev. John Geddie, who reached the New Hebrides in 1848, and Rev. G. L. Mackay, sent to Formosa in 1871.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How glad we are when the morning is bright with sunshine! No wonder the birds sing. There is a bit of a song in our hearts



too. We are sure that God wants us to be happy. There is something that makes us surer than the sunshine. Why, God sent His own dear Son, Jesus, into the world to make us happy.

I Have Learned To-day
TO LET JESUS BE MY LIGHT

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

March 26, 1905

Golden Text—But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through his name.—John 20 : 31.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for Quarter. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions, 1-20. SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Qs., 57-69. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS—Review Qs., 1-12.

A Bird's-Eye View of the Quarter's Lessons

Lesson I. In the first view of this Lesson the Saviour is called by a certain name. What is it ? Why is this name given to Him ? What does He tell us we may become ? How ?

Lesson II. Tells of a famous preacher. Some people came to ask him questions. Who was he ? Who were his questioners ? What did they ask ? What was his answer ? To whom did he point his hearers ? What did he call the Saviour ?

Lesson III. The Lesson is first about two young men. What were their names ? Whose disciples had they been ? What other Master do they now choose ? Some other disciples came to Jesus. What were their names ? By whom was each brought ?

Lesson IV. Jesus at a marriage. Where ? What difficulty arose ? Who asked Jesus for help ? How did He give it ? What did those who saw the miracle think of Jesus ?

Lesson V. Who was the timid visitor who came to Jesus ? How was his timidity shown ? What change did Jesus say he needed ? How do we get eternal life ?

Lesson VI. A woman has come to a well. The name of the well ? She finds a traveller sitting there. Who is He ? What does He ask of her ? What does He offer to her ? Of what does the Golden Text speak ? Who may have this ?

Lesson VII. Jesus again in Cana. A man asked Jesus to come and heal his son, miles away. In what words did Jesus at last grant his request ? At what hour ? When did the son begin to mend ? What effect had this on the father ?

Lesson VIII. Jerusalem was crowded with people. It was the time of a great feast. Tell the name of it. Jesus was there. Where did He find a cripple ? What did He do for this poor man ?

Lesson IX. Another great crowd ; now on a grassy hill-side. What did Jesus do for them ? Where did He get the food ? How much was there ? How many men were fed ? Who besides the men ? What did Jesus call Himself ?

Lesson X. The Jews had a joyful harvest feast. It was celebrated at their chief city. The name of this feast ? Of the city ? What invitation did Jesus give ? To whom ? Is there any other thirst besides that of the body ? What is it ? Who can satisfy it ? How ?

Lesson XI. We have a Lesson about slaves. Can a slave do what he pleases ? Whom must he obey ? What master does the Golden Text speak of ? Are we compelled to obey this master ? Who can make us free ?

Lesson XII. A blind man begging by the road side. Who saw him ? What did Jesus put on his eyes ? Whither did He send him ? What did He tell him to do ? What happened ? Who is the Light of the World ?

The Lesson Hymn

I've found a Friend ; O, such a Friend !	Nought that I have my own I call,
He bled, He died to save me ;	I hold it for the Giver ;
And not alone the gift of life,	My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
But His own self He gave me.	Are His, and His forever. Amen.

—Hymn 80, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To Believe in Jesus

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. Christ the Life and Light of Men.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Second Miracle in Cana.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Witness of John the Baptist to Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Jesus Wins His First Disciples.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Miracles of the Loaves and Fishes.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The First Miracle in Cana.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Jesus and Nicodemus.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. The Slavery of Sin.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Jesus at Jacob's Well.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Healing of the Man Born Blind.</p>

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

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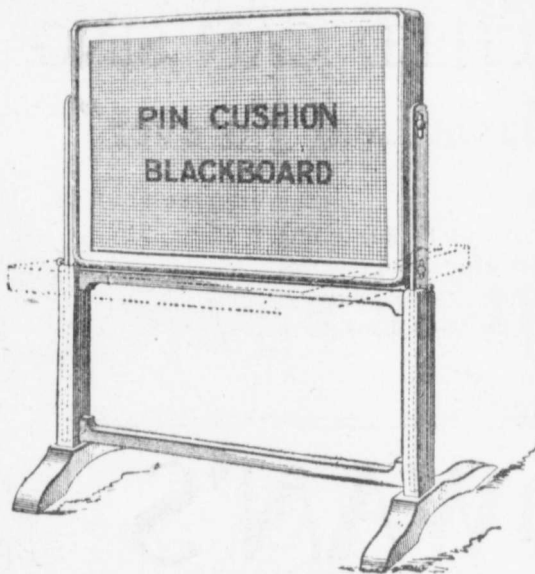
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