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A New Year's Verse

Jesus, precious Saviour,
Make us all Thine own,
Make us Thine for ever,
Make us Thine alone.
Let each day, each moment,
Of this glad New Year
Be for Jesus only,
Jesus, Saviour dear.

Some Great Servants of God

I. A FIERY PROPHET

God has difficult tasks for His servants. The task He gave to the prophet Elijah was a very hard one. Wicked King Ahab was on the throne. Instead of worshiping and serving God, he worshiped and served idols, and led his people to do the same. Wicked Queen Jezebel encouraged and helped him in this. Elijah's task was to rebuke the wicked king and queen, and to lead them and the people to worship and serve God.

See how brave and strong he was. Suddenly he appears before the king, and in the name of the Lord declares, "There shall not be dew nor rain for three years, but according to my word"; and then disappears.

There was a dreadful drought and famine for three years, and, all the time, King Ahab was searching for the prophet, to slay him. Then, just as suddenly as at the first, Elijah appeared again, and told the king, that it was his own wickedness,—because he and the people worshiped idols,—that had brought the drought and famine; and he demanded of him that he should gather all

the people to Mount Carmel, that God might show them whether He or Baal, whom they worshiped, was the true God. Read, or get some one to read you, the wonderful story, in 1 Kings, 18th chapter, of how this was done, and of the terror and fright of the wicked king and queen. Single-handed, Elijah had stood up for God.

He had many such hard errands, and brave and strong as he was, Elijah's courage sometimes failed him; but God, who sent him on the errands, was always near-by to give him strength and courage. The Lessons of the Quarter tell how he was fed by the ravens for three years, when he was hiding from the angry king, and how an angel brought him food and drink, and how God Himself spoke to him in a still small voice; and how, at the last, because he had been faithful to his hard tasks, God took him up to heaven in a whirlwind, with a chariot of fire and horses of fire, to be with Himself forever.

Telling the Bible Story

By Miss E. M. Russell

A little Canadian boy was once left to entertain a visitor in the absence of the other members of the family. After showing him all his treasures, he turned to the gentleman and said: "Mr. J.—, you're a minister, aren't you? Then I suppose you know *all* the stories in the Bible. Tell them to me, please",—and he settled himself with an air of pleasant expectancy.

That child had evidently found Bible stories a pleasure. If judiciously chosen and

told in a simple way, Bible stories are sure to be appreciated, and may be made most interesting. What child will not be fascinated with the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, the baby Moses, or the child Samuel? Truly we have an inexhaustible treasure house of Bible stories both in the Old and New Testaments.

When choosing a Bible story, one must consider the age and mental capacity of the listeners, and let this guide the choice; and not only the choice, but the manner and details of the telling. Another thing to be taken into account is the object in view in telling the story. Whatever special truth is to be taught, a story must be chosen that will illustrate that truth. For example, God's love may surely be taught by telling the story of His great Gift. How even a child can help, may be learned from the story of the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus to feed the multitude, or by the story of how a little girl helped the great Syrian captain.

Before telling the Bible story, become thoroughly familiar with it yourself. Picture the scene in your own mind, so that you can see every detail. Then put it in very simple words,—such as you are sure the children understand. Whenever possible, give them a chance to help in the telling of the story, by supplying words, etc. Get as much from them as you can. Get their imaginations at work, by asking them what they think so and so would say, or do, or what would happen in such a case; and always accept and, in some way, make use of their answers.

In order to help hold the attention, use the blackboard, or pencil and paper. It is surprising how much the eye helps the ear in making impressions on the mind. The illustrations should be of the simplest. A few strokes, made as you talk, will be much more effective than an elaborate drawing. A square will stand for a house, an upright line for a man, a shorter one for a child, etc. Occasionally call upon some child to make the square, or whatever it may be, on the blackboard. The interest of the class becomes intense. Sometimes you can transform your most restless boy in this way, and make him an attentive listener.

Be very careful about the tones of your

voice. Never speak in a loud or high-pitched tone. Put as much feeling or expression as possible into the voice, according to the theme. Let the tone be natural, quiet, sympathetic, and, above all, reverent. Never let the children forget that it is a story from God's Book that you are telling,—that God is our loving heavenly Father, who loves us and gave us His Book, that we might learn to love Him.

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The Household Fairy

Have you heard of the household fairy sweet,
Who keeps the home so bright and neat?
Who enters the rooms of boys and girls,
And finds lost marbles or smooths out curls?
Who mends the rent in a girlie's frock,—
Or darns the hole in a Tomboy's sock?

If you don't believe it is true, I say

You may search and find her this very day,
In your home.

You must not look for a maiden fair,
With starry eyes and golden hair;
Her hair may be threaded with silver gray
But one glance of her eyes drives care away,
And the touch of her hand is so soft and
light

When it smooths out a place for your head
at night.

If you know of someone just like this,
My household fairy you cannot miss,—
It's "Mother".

—Alice B. Huling

"Maging Things"

By Mary Isobel Houston

Mother shook her head as she came into the sitting-room where Beth and Ralph were busy playing Indian.

"How often must I tell you, Ralph, not to climb on the table? See, you have made a nasty scratch on it with the buckle of your shoe."

"But I had to, mother. The Indians were after us, and I had to climb a tree while Beth hid in the bushes."

"But that's a better game for outside, dear", said mother, putting her hand to her aching head, while she began to straighten

cushions and push chairs back into their proper places.

"It isn't any fun at all if we can't 'magine things", pouted the boy, as he climbed down from the imaginary "tree" and helped Beth out from beneath the big armchair.

"Don't you think you could imagine something that would not cause others so much trouble, son?" replied mother, gently. "Ann is still cross because you bent her new toasting fork all out of shape when you imagined you were spearing salmon in the water-barrel yesterday; and it will be a long time before Uncle Jim is able to walk about on his sprained ankle, because some one forgot to put back the chair that made the barricade on the back stairs when you imagined yourself a besieged army last week."

Two rather shamefaced little people made their way out of the room when mother had finished speaking, and as she gathered up the last of the scattered toys and went to her darkened room to rest, Beth,—the usually silent Beth,—was holding forth to an audience of one in the back yard.

"P'raps we *could* 'magine other things", said Ralph at last, in answer to her suggestions, "but I'm sure it won't be much fun."

"Let's try", proposed Beth; so that is why, when mother awoke after a long nap, the headache gone, but still tired, she was surprised to find two quiet little people waiting to escort her downstairs to tea.

"We're the queen's bodyguard", explained Ralph, as he pompously walked down the stairs on one side of his mother, "and we've come to escort her to the banquet." Beth ran on ahead to put a cushion in the big armchair at the head of the table, and laughing, they all sat down.

Ralph's bump of imagination seemed to grow with wonderful rapidity, and the more matter-of-fact little Beth was always ready to follow out his wonderful ideas.

Mother smiled, but did not make any remark when, as a "special delivery boy", Ralph ran errands for the busy Ann and herself all the next week without the usual grumbling, or when Beth, her round eyes dancing, and looking as much like a "fairy queen" as was possible for a very substantial small girl, rode slowly past the window

and across the lawn in Ralph's express cart, holding carefully the troublesome Simpson baby from across the street, while tired Mrs. Simpson rested.

But when, on the very day of Dorothy Keen's birthday party, Beth woke with a sore throat that meant she must stay at home, a sturdy little figure in the doorway called out, "Never mind, Beth, I don't 'magine I'd enjoy the party so *very* much, so we'll have one of our own at home", mother took the little fellow into her arms, as she whispered: "Imagination is a splendid thing to have after all, isn't it, Ralph,—when we are quite sure that we have the right kind?"

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Play

By Professor O. J. Stevenson, D. P. d.

Very many people, teachers as well as others, seem to have the idea that in order that a child may play to the best advantage, he must be provided with a multitude of ready-made, expensive toys. But if we stop to consider what play really is, we shall see that this idea is a mistaken one, and that there is a very serious danger in the abundance of ingenious mechanical devices which tempt the buyer at the overcrowded toy counter.

These mechanical toys may serve to amuse the child, but they do not give him a chance to play. Play is the expression of an inborn feeling, an instinct that prompts a child to do things,—to live over again the activities of his ancestors and to imitate the actions of those about him. It is as natural a thing at certain periods for children to want to build houses, to make clay pies, to weave straws and grasses, to play soldier and hunter, or to nurse dolls, as it is for them to breathe. It is through these simple constructive activities that the child comes to get control of himself and to learn for himself what the actions of others stand for. The mechanical toy does nothing to supply the material for this inner craving. It simply amuses the child, without calling forth his powers, and it is small wonder that, when the amusement ceases, the child tires of the so-called play. A pile of sand, a few empty

boxes, a set of blocks, paper to fold and tear, a bundle of sticks, a few simple colors, are worth more than a room full of ingenious mechanical devices for amusement.

The child does not stop to consider whether or not the things that he plays with and the things that he makes, are real things. He is interested in what he can do with things rather than in what they are. The faintest resemblance in the plaything to the reality for which it stands, is, in most cases, sufficient. His imagination transforms the poor imitation into a delightful reality. A line of empty spools drawn by a string, with himself for engine and engine driver in one, is likely to give more genuine pleasure, to keep him actively engaged, and do him more real good than an elaborate model of an engine and train of cars that runs by an ingenious spring.

Of course it goes without saying that a child is better to have other children to play with him; and if the parent or teacher can suggest or direct the play without monopolizing it, so much the better for the child. But whatever else may be done, it must be remembered that it is the child's own activity and his own imagination that counts.

University of Toronto

A Little Galician Boy

By Miss C. Reid

Little Petros was a blue-eyed, laughing baby of some twelve months, when his mother brought him into the dispensary with his head badly covered with eczema, which had become so bad that it was a long time before it could be well. Each day the mother brought him in to us; and when the head was attended to, the baby seemed to know quite well, and paid us by his ready smile and sweet baby talk.

He did not cry much, although the head must have been very uncomfortable; and, as smiling seemed to be his way, we took him as our daily sunbeam. At last he was well, and then we did not see him so often.

As he grew older, his mother noticed his slowness in trying to walk, and found out that his poor little back was hurting him. We called to see him and found a hump

growing on the spine. As we knew it might be very serious, he was taken to town to a doctor, who said poor little Petros must go to the hospital and might need to have an operation in order to cure him.

Galician people are very much afraid of surgery, and besides, the parents of the wee chap were poor and could not afford to pay; but they loved their baby boy, and so, overcoming their fear, they brought him to the hospital.

He continued to smile on nurses and doctors, winning a way to their hearts; and it was Petros' good time in the day when the doctor came in to see him and let him hold his watch while the nurse told him how the back was.

One day, as the doctor examined the little back again, he said it would not be needful to have the operation and the trouble was going away by care and medicine. You may be sure the parents were glad when they were allowed to take their baby home again.

But the poor back was weak yet, and the attempts made to walk were pitiful. The parents gave medicine as told, and also kept the little fellow out in the fresh air and sunshine, where he sat or stood in a little bed which was carried outside for him. Little by little he gained strength till he was able to walk.

Such a poor little shaky fellow he was, and so many tumbles he got, but he always seemed to come up smiling. Soon, as he got a more steady walk and began to go about alone, he would find his way to the Mission house, and waddle in, looking so happy. If he discovered he had a sore toe, he at once brought it to our notice to be attended to, and seemed to like to go away with a cloth on his foot.

His older sister would bring him to the Mission Sunday School, and soon he could come all by himself and would march in and climb up on a seat, soon to fall asleep, but would waken up for singing and to get his picture card. Now he can sing some of the easy hymns, and is one of our bright little Sunday School boys. We hope he will grow up a good man. Don't you?

Sifton, Man.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1911

I. Let all rise, assume a reverent attitude and recite :

As we come together now,	To be among us while we stay,
We close our eyes, our heads we bow ;	To guard and guide us every day ;
We fold our hands, and pray Thee, Lord,	And bring us home at last to Thee,
To teach us from Thy holy Word ;	And let our eyes Thy beauty see.

II. SINGING. Hymn 511, Book of Praise.

God is always near me,	God is always near me,
Hearing what I say,	In the darkest night
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,	He can see me just the same
All my work and play.	As by mid-day light.

God is always near me,
 Though so young and small ;
 Not a look, or word, or thought,
 But God knows it all. Amen.

III. PRAYER.

IV. SINGING. Hymn 552, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,	Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Let Thy light within me shine ;	Set the burdened sinner free ;
All my guilty fears remove,	Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Fill me full of heaven and love.	Wash me in His precious blood.

V. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VI. OFFERING. Sing or recite while the offering is being made :

May we our offerings gladly bring,
 To spread the news of Christ, our King.
 Till every child shall hear the call,
 And crown the Saviour Lord of all.

VII. A THREE MINUTE NATURE TALK, based on the following verses. The verses may be gradually memorized.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer,	Shelter from the wintry storm
Take into Thy tender care,	All Thy snowbirds, keep them warm ;
All the seeds and plants that sleep	Keep Thy children every day ;
In their warm beds covered deep ;	This, O Lord, we humbly pray.

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 567, Book of Praise.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. SINGING. Lesson Hymn. (See each Lesson.)

XI. CLOSING PRAYER.

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, etc.

Lesson I.

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

January 1, 1911

1 Kings 12 : 6-16. Study 1 Kings 12 : 1-24—*Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—He that walketh with wise men shall be wise ; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.—Proverbs 13 : 20.



15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people ; for the cause was from the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Ne'bat.
16 So when all Is'rael saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in Da'vid ? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jes'se : to your tents. O Is'rael : now see to thine own house, Da'vid. So Is'rael departed unto their tents.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Lessons for the whole of last year were from Matthew's story of the life of Jesus. In the Lessons for this year we shall hear of the kings and prophets who lived in Israel before Jesus came. To-day we go back to the time when King Solomon died, and all the twelve tribes of the Israelites gathered together at Shechem to make his son Rehoboam their king. But first they spoke to Rehoboam, and complained that Solomon had made them work very hard and pay him a great deal of money to build his splendid palace in Jerusalem and to make other cities in his kingdom larger and grander. The people asked the new king Rehoboam to give them less work to do for him, and not to ask them for so much money. Rehoboam told them to come back again in three days, and he would tell them then what he would do.

After they had gone, Rehoboam asked advice of the old men who had been friends

6 And king Rehobo'am consulted with the old men, that stood before Sol'omon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people ?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him :

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter ?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us ; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke : my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jerobo'am and all the people came to Rehobo'am the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him ;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke : my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him ;

16 So when all Is'rael saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in Da'vid ? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jes'se : to your tents. O Is'rael : now see to thine own house, Da'vid. So Is'rael departed unto their tents.

of his father ; and they advised him to speak gently to the people and make fair promises. If he did this, they said he could afterwards treat the people as he pleased. But Rehoboam was not satisfied with this advice. He gathered his young companions together, and asked them what they thought he should do. The young men told him to say to the people that if Solomon his father had required a great deal from them, he would require still more, and if his father had punished them a little when they were disobedient, he would punish them a great deal.

So the people came back again in three days, and with them, as their leader, was a young man, Jeroboam, whom God had said would be one day king over ten of the tribes of Israel. Rehoboam spoke roughly to the people, and told them he would treat them even worse than his father had treated them. Then the people went away in great anger,

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.

saying that Rehoboam should no longer rule over them ; only the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin would have him as their king, while Jeroboam became king of the ten tribes.

Rehoboam raised an army to fight against Jeroboam, but a message came from the Lord forbidding this, and the soldiers went back to their homes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. From what story were last year's Lessons taken ?
2. About whom shall we hear in the Lessons for this year ?
3. To what time do we go back 'in to-day's Lesson ?
4. Whom did the twelve tribes of Israel gather to make king when Solomon died ?
5. Of what did they complain to Rehoboam ?
6. What answer did Rehoboam give ?
7. Whose advice did he first ask ?
8. What did the old men advise ?
9. Whose advice did he then ask ?
10. What did these advise ?
11. What did Rehoboam say to the people when they returned ?
12. What did the people do then ?
13. What tribes were left to Rehoboam ?
14. Who became king of the ten tribes ?
15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"Now, you just go and stand over there when I tell you to", commanded Captain Tommy, roughly. "But it's all wet and muddy", objected his company for the second time. "Why can't we stay here where it's dry?" "Just because I've told you to go over there", said Captain Tommy, with a lordly air, "and armies always obey their captains, whatever they tell them to do."

"Well, they don't tell them that way, and they don't tell them to do silly things";

cried the rebellious company, "and we'll just choose another captain who won't be quite as cross as you are." So Captain Tommy was punished for his overbearing ways.

Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NOT BE PROUD

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God ?* A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

The Question on Missions

(CANADIAN PROBLEMS: January, The Home Mission Problem.)—1. What is the work of Home Missions? To provide for the preaching of the gospel in districts where the people are few and scattered. The General Assembly's Home Mission Committee cares for 739 mission fields, with 1,890 mission stations.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing of a king on his throne, with his people before him, and remember that Jesus is our King, Whom we should love and serve all our lives.



JEROBOAM MAKES IDOLS FOR ISRAEL TO WORSHIP

January 8, 1911

1 Kings 12 : 25-33. Study 1 Kings 12 : 25 to 13 : 6—Memory Verses, 28-30.

Golden Text—Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.—Exodus 20 : 4.

32 And Jerobo'am ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Ju'dah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth'-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made : and he placed in Beth'-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth'-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Is'rael : and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There were now two kings ruling over the children of Israel. Rehoboam's kingdom was called the kingdom of Judah, and Jeroboam's, the kingdom of Israel.

Now Jeroboam said to himself, "If any of my people go up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and worship at the temple there, they will some day put me away from being their king, for at Jerusalem they will again see Rehoboam, Solomon's son, and will want him for their king."

So Jeroboam made two idols in the shape of calves, covered with shining gold. And he said to the people, "It is too far for you to go to Jerusalem to worship. See, these idols of gold are your gods; worship them, for it was they that brought your fathers safely out of the land of Egypt where they were slaves." So Jeroboam set up the two idols, one at one end of his kingdom, in

25 Then Jerobo'am built She'chem in mount E'phraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Pen'uel.

26 And Jerobo'am said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of Da'vid :

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jeru'salem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehobo'am king of Ju'dah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehobo'am king of Ju'dah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jeru'salem : behold thy gods, O Is'rael, which brought thee up out of the land of E'gypt.

29 And he set the one in Beth'-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin : for the people went to *worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Le'vi.

Bethel, and the other at the other end, in the city of Dan. And the people went to these two places and worshiped these golden idols instead of the one true God. Besides, Jeroboam built temples for the images which he had made.

Jeroboam also made a feast for the people to keep at Bethel, instead of the feasts which the Lord had commanded them to keep at Jerusalem. And King Jeroboam chose men from all the tribes as priests for his idols and to offer up sacrifices, for the men of the tribe of Levi whom God had appointed to be His priests, went to live in Judah, as well as many other persons who would not worship the calves.

Now the Lord was very angry with Jeroboam for leading the people to worship idols, and a prophte was sent from Judah to rebuke the king. It happened that Jeroboam was

worshiping the idol at Bethel when the prophet came to him. Jeroboam became angry when he was told of his sin, and, stretching out his hand, he ordered the prophet to be made prisoner. But the king's own hand was withered in a moment, and was made well only when the prophet prayed for him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jeroboam fear would happen if he allowed any of his people to go up to Jerusalem? 2. What did he make? 3. What did he then say to his people? 4. Where were the two idols set up? 5. What did Jeroboam build for the images which he had made? 6. What did Jeroboam arrange for the people instead of God's appointed feasts? 7. Whom did he choose for his priests? 8. From which tribe had the Lord appointed priests? 9. Whither did the Levites go? 10. Who else went to live in Judah? 11. Whom did the Lord send to rebuke Jeroboam? 12. How was Jeroboam punished? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Aren't you coming to Sunday School?" asked Dorothy in surprise. "I guess not to-day", said Robert loftily, fondling his rabbits. "These are too pretty to leave." "But you said that last Sunday."

Then Dorothy suddenly fired up. "Do you know what I think those rabbits of yours are? Just idols—as bad as any of the heathen idols too, even if they are soft and pretty." Robert looked up startled. "Teacher said just last Sunday," Dorothy rushed on, "that if we loved worldly things so much that we had not time to go to church or Sun-

day School, we were making idols out of them, and that's just what you are doing, so there."

Robert thought for a minute, then he put the rabbits back softly. "Guess I won't make idols of you any longer", he said.

Lesson Hymn

Join, all the ransomed race,
Our Lord and God to bless,
Praise ye His name;
In Him we will rejoice,
Making a glad some noise,
Shouting with heart and voice,
Worthy the Lamb! Amen.

—Hymn 96, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY

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—83. **Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?** A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

The Question on Missions

2. To what classes of people do the home missionaries minister? To mission fields in the older Provinces, fishermen and lumbermen in New Ontario and on the Pacific coast, miners foreigners, and the new settlers in the West from the Eastern Provinces, Great Britain and the United States.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The words of this text to be copied teach us to love God with all our hearts.

KEEP YOURSELVES FROM IDOLS

Lesson III.

ASA'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH

January 15, 1911

2 Chronicles 15 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be rewarded.—2 Chronicles 15 : 7.



the reign of A'sa.

11 And they offered unto the Lord the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul ;

13 That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Is'rael should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they swore unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Ju'dah rejoiced at the oath : for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire ; and he was found of them : and the Lord gave them rest round about.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the good kings of Judah was named Asa. He was the grandson of Rehoboam, the son of the great King Solomon. Asa loved God with all his heart, and tried to please Him in everything he did ; and because Asa, the king, loved and served God, his people loved and served Him too. And God blessed the people of Judah and they prospered and grew strong. And when their enemies came up to fight against them, God helped the people of Judah in the battle and gave them the victory.

Once the enemies of Asa came up against him, and he went out to meet them with only half as many soldiers as they had. But Asa prayed, and the Lord gave him the victory.

One day after this, the Lord sent one of His prophets, named Azariah, with a message to king Asa. This was the message that

1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azari'ah the son of O'ded :

2 And he went out to meet A'sa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, A'sa, and all Ju'dah and Ben'jamin : The Lord *is* with you, while ye be with him ; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you ; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Is'rael *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Is'rael, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city : for God did vex them with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when A'sa heard these words, and the prophecy of O'ded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Ju'dah and Ben'jamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount E'phraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that *was* before the porch of the Lord.

9 And he gathered all Ju'dah and Ben'jamin, and the strangers with them out of E'phraim and Manas'seh, and out of Sim'oon : for they fell to him out of Is'rael in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God *was* with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jeru'salem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of

Azariah gave Asa and the people of Judah : "The Lord will be with you to help you as long as you serve Him", he said, "but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. Many times in the past Israel tried to do without the Lord, and then trouble and misfortune came upon them. But when they turned to the Lord once more, He forgave them and helped them in their need. Therefore let the people of Judah be strong and do what is right, and God will reward them."

When Asa heard these words, he took courage and destroyed all the idols which had been set up in his kingdom, and in some cities which had been taken from the kingdom of Israel ; and he repaired the altar for offering sacrifices, which stood in the court of the temple and which the people had allowed to fall into ruin. Then he gathered all the

people of Judah together at Jerusalem, besides all the strangers that were in the land, and they offered up on the altar to the Lord seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep which they had taken in battle.

And the people made a covenant with the Lord, and promised to serve Him with all their hearts and with all their souls, and whoever would not do so should surely be put to death. And all the people of Judah rejoiced at this and praised the Lord their God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was one of the good kings of Judah? 2. What relation was he to Rehoboam and Solomon? 3. Whom did Asa and his people try to please? 4. What did God do for Judah because its people served Him? 5. How did the Lord once answer Asa's prayer? 6. What message did the Lord send to Asa? 7. What had happened to Israel when they forgot God? 8. What, when they turned to Him again? 9. What did Asa do first after hearing this message? 10. What did he repair? 11. What did he call the people together to do? 12. What sacrifices did they offer? 13. What covenant did they make? 14. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Father and Polly walked across the brook on the stepping stones. "Give me your hand", said father, "and I'll help you." "Oh no, father, I'd rather go all alone." So father walked on. It was very easy at first, but soon Polly came to a big round stone, past which the current ran swiftly. She wished now she had father beside her to give her a helping hand, but he was far ahead by this time. She looked again. She would like to do it alone. Then she took another look. "Daddy", she called softly, "I can't go alone after all." And in an instant father was back at her side, carefully helping her across. "Father is always willing to help you over hard places, dear", he said.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up I stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,

Till every foe is vanquished

And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.

—Hymn 256, 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.

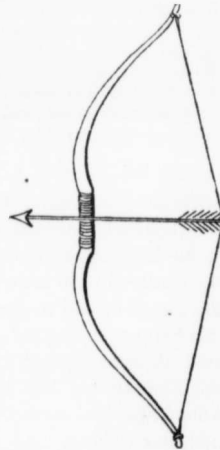
SHORTER CATECHISM—84. *What doth every sin deserve?* A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

The Question on Missions

3. What is our Church doing for immigrants on their arrival in Canada? A minister of our Church meets immigrants at the ports of Quebec, St. John and Halifax, gives to each Presbyterian amongst them a card of introduction to a minister in the place to which he is going, and notifies that minister of the immigrant's arrival. At the port of Quebec last year, 6,700 Presbyterian immigrants were welcomed in this way.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In olden times people used to fight with bows and arrows such as you see in the drawing (*copy*). We, too, have enemies to



fight in the temptations that come to us ever day. God will give us the victory over these, if we ask Him to make us strong.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD SEEK GOD

OMRI AND AHAB LEAD ISRAEL INTO GREATER SIN

January 22, 1911

1 Kings 16 : 23-33. Study 1 Kings 16 : 15-33—Memory Verses, 25, 30.

Golden Text—Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.—
Proverbs 14 : 34.



23 In the thirty and first year of A'sa king of Ju'dah began Om'ri to reign over Is'rael, twelve years : six years reigned he in Tir'zah. ¶ 24 And he bought the hill Samar'ia of She'mer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of She'mer, owner of the hill, Samar'ia.

25 But Om'ri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jero-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, and in his sin wherewith he made Is'rael to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Is'rael to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Om'ri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Is'rael ?

28 So Om'ri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samar'ia : and A'hab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of A'sa king of Ju'dah began A'hab the son of Om'ri to reign over Is'rael : and A'hab the

son of Om'ri reigned over Is'rael in Samar'ia twenty and two years.

30 And A'hab the son of Om'ri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jero-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, that he took to wife Jez'ebel the daughter of Ethba'al king of the Zido'nians, and went and served Ba'al, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he had built in Samar'ia.

33 And A'hab made a grove ; and A'hab did more to provoke the Lord God of Is'rael to anger than all the kings of Is'rael that were before him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While good King Asa was reigning over Judah, there was war and fighting going on in the kingdom of Israel ; and, at last, one of the leaders in the army, named Zimri, seized the kingdom and made himself king. When this happened, most of the men of Israel were away fighting against a heathen people called the Philistines. But as soon as they heard what Zimri had done, they said he should not rule over them, and chose instead Omri, another of their leaders, to be their king. Then Omri and the men of Israel came to the city of Tirzah, where Zimri had shut himself up, and besieged it. And when Zimri saw that they were sure to take the city, he went into the king's palace and setting it on fire, burnt it and himself up, after being king

over Israel for only seven days.

But some of the people wanted a man named Tibni to be their king, and so Omri had to fight against him for four years, when Tibni died, and Omri ruled in peace.

Omri, after he was made king, bought, for a great sum of money, the beautiful hill of Samaria, and on it he built a city which he also called Samaria. In this city Omri lived, and also the kings of Israel who came after him, as long as their kingdom lasted, which was nearly two hundred years.

But Omri sinned greatly against God and, among other wicked things, worshiped the golden calves which Jeroboam had made, and encouraged his people to worship them too. He was king for twelve years, and at

last he died and was buried in the city of Samaria which he had built, and Ahab, his son, was made king in his stead.

Up to this time, six kings had ruled over the ten tribes of Israel, and every one of them had been wicked. But we are told that Ahab was even more wicked than any of those before him. He took for his wife the daughter of a heathen king. Her name was Jezebel, and she worshiped a false god, named Baal. Ahab built for Baal a beautiful temple in the city of Samaria; and he also chose wicked men, whom he called priests of Baal, to wait upon the idol and offer up sacrifices to it. Thus he made the people of Israel, God's own chosen people, worship this god of the heathen nations.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What soldier made himself king of Israel? 2. What did the Israelites do when they heard this? 3. To what city did Zimri go? 4. Who came and besieged the city? 5. What did Zimri do then? 6. What city did Omri build when he was made king? 7. What kind of king was Omri? 8. How long did he reign? 9. Who reigned after him? 10. What is said of Ahab? 11. Whom did he marry? 12. What did Jezebel worship? 13. What did Ahab build for Baal? 14. What wicked thing did he make Israel do? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"If I were a farmer", said Bertie, "I wouldn't let any old thistles grow in my fields."

"But what about the field you do own", asked mother seriously. "I thought I saw a thistle sprouting up in it the other day." "The field I do own!" Bertie exclaimed. "Yes", said mother, "each boy's heart is a field given him by God. If he sows good seeds in it, that is, good deeds and good habits, when he is young, the result is a fine, good man. But, if he sows those nasty thistles called bad habits, they often grow, by the time he reaches manhood, to evil deeds which choke out all the good that was in his heart at the beginning." "Well, I'll try to pull out every thistle that ever starts in my garden", said Bertie firmly.

Lesson Hymn

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty. Amen.

—Hymn 503, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

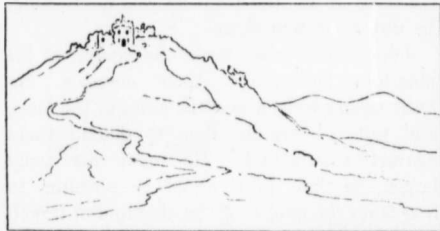
SHORTER CATECHISM—85. *What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?* A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

The Question on Missions

4. What work is done among the foreigners in the West? Five hospitals are maintained by the Women's Home Missionary Society, clothing is distributed, young men trained for teachers and mission work, missionaries supported, and aid given to the ministers of the Independent Greek Church. Everything is done to win these foreign immigrants and make them Christian and Canadian.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing of a city built on a hill, and remember that God is preparing for us



in heaven a far more beautiful city than any on earth.

I Have Learned Today
THAT I SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST SIN

Lesson V. JEHOSHAPHAT'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH January 29, 1911

2 Chronicles 17 : 1-6, 9-13. Study 2 Chronicles 17 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

Golden Text—Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness ; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6 : 33.



1 And Jehosh'aphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Is'rael.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Ju'dah, and set garrisons in the land of Ju'dah, and in the cities of E'phraim, which A'sa his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Jehosh'aphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father Da'vid, and sought not unto Ba'alim ;

4 But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Is'rael.

5 Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand ; and all Ju'dah brought to Jehosh'aphat presents ; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord : moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Ju'dah.

9 And they taught in Ju'dah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Ju'dah, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Ju'dah, so that they made no war against Jehosh'aphat.

11 Also some of the Phil'istines brought Jehosh'aphat presents, and tribute silver ; and the Ara'bians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

12 And Jehosh'aphat waxed great exceedingly ; and he built in Ju'dah castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Ju'dah : and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jeru'salem.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Asa, king of Israel, died, his son, Jehoshaphat, became king in his place. And the Lord was pleased with Jehoshaphat, and gave him blessings and riches and power, because, from the time he was made king, he did what was right.

Jehoshaphat also made the people of his kingdom safe from their enemies. He built strong walls about the cities of the land, and put soldiers in them to defend them against any attack. He made his army larger, so that there would be nothing to fear from the people of the kingdom of Israel, nor from the heathen nations round about. He built up and improved the cities which had been taken from the enemies of Judah. He tore down the idols' temples and images which had been set up in Judah, and served only the Lord God of his fathers and kept

His commandments. He tried, too, in every way to make his people better. The people of Judah were very grateful and brought rich gifts to Jehoshaphat, so that every day he grew richer and more powerful.

In the third year of his reign, Jehoshaphat did a specially wise and good thing. He gathered some of his wise princes together, with priests and men of the tribe of Levi who were teachers, and sent them through all the cities and towns of the land of Judah. And these men carried with them the book which had God's laws written in it, and they taught these to the people.

And the Lord made the heathen nations which lived round about the land of Judah, afraid to come out to war against Jehoshaphat. Some of them, the Philistines, even brought him presents and paid him money,

while the Arabians brought him great flocks, seven thousand seven hundred sheep and the same number of goats. So Jehoshaphat became very rich,—so rich that he had to build new castles and cities in which to keep his wealth.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who became king in Judah when Asa died?
2. What did the Lord give to Jehoshaphat?
3. Why did He do this?
4. What did Jehoshaphat do to keep his people safe?
5. What did he do for his cities?
6. What did he do to the idols' temples in Judah?
7. Whom alone did Jehoshaphat worship?
8. How did the people show their gratitude?
9. Whom did Jehoshaphat gather together in his third year as king?
10. Whither did he send these men?
11. What were they to do?
12. Who were afraid to make war against Jehoshaphat?
13. What present did the Philistines bring to him?
14. What did the Arabians give him?
15. What did he have to do on account of his riches?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One night, when Tommy went to bed, the trees in grandfather's orchard had only tiny green leaves on them, with bare branches showing everywhere. But a warm shower fell during the night, and next morning the trees were all covered with a mass of the most beautiful blossoms. "Oh, grandfather", cried Tommy, "just see how white the trees in the orchard are with the most lovely blossoms."

"Yes", said grandfather, "if the tree keeps its promise, there will be plenty of apples, but if it is like some boys I know, there may not be any."

"What do you mean by keeping its promise, grandfather?"

"Why", said grandfather, "blossoms are only the tree's promise of fine fruit to come, just as little boys are promise of fine men. But sometimes bad habits nip the promise in the boy, just as the frosts nip the blossoms of the tree, and then neither of them ever amount to anything." "Well", said Tommy stoutly, "I'll try hard not to let the frost nip me."

Lesson Hymn

O blessed Lord, Thy truth
 To us Thy babes impart,
 And teach us in our youth
 To know Thee as Thou art:
 Hallelujah! Then shall we sing
 To God our King, Hallelujah!

O may Thy holy Word
 Spread all the world around,
 And all with one accord
 Uplift the joyful sound:
 Hallelujah! All then shall sing
 To God their King, Hallelujah! Amen.
 —Hymn 517, 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—Review Questions 82-85.

The Question on Missions

5. What are the special needs for the work of Home Missions? Missionaries, deaconesses and money are needed. The work calls to Christian young men and women to consecrate themselves to mission service, and the church members to consecrate a due proportion of their wealth, that the \$248,000 required this year may be obtained.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Long ago God's Word was written on rolls like the one in the drawing. These are some-



times used even yet. Copy the drawing, and try to learn something from God's Word every day.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD OBEY GOD'S WORD

ELIJAH THE PROPHET APPEARS IN
ISRAEL

February 5, 1911

1 Kings 17 : 1-16. Study 1 Kings, ch. 17—Memory Verses, 14-16.

Golden Text—They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.—Psalm 34 : 10.

two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Eli'jah said unto her, Fear not : go and do as thou hast said : but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Is'rael, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Eli'jah : and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Eli'jah.

1 And Eli'jah the Tish'bite, who was of the inhabitants of Gil'ead, said unto A'hab, As the Lord God of Is'rael liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Che'rith, that is before Jor'dan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord : for he went and dwelt by the brook Che'rith, that is before Jor'dan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening ; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zar'ephath, which belongeth to Zi'don, and dwell there : behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zar'ephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks ; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse : and, behold, I am gathering

THE LESSON RETOLD

There lived in the land of Israel in the time of wicked king Ahab, a good man who loved the Lord. His name was Elijah. God sent Elijah with a message to King Ahab. And this was the message that Elijah carried to the king : " As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand ", he said, " there shall no rain fall in all the land until I ask for it." Then Elijah turned and walked out of the palace, and no one dared to lay hands on him.

God spoke again to Elijah, and told him to go to a little brook away in the wilderness and He would take care of him there. So Elijah went away and found the brook as the Lord had said. He had plenty of water to drink ; and for his food God sent him by a flock of ravens meat and bread to eat every night and morning. But day by day, as no rain fell, the little brook dried up, until at last there was no water left in it at

all. All over the land there was a great famine. Then God spoke once more to Elijah. He told him to take a long journey to a little town called Zarephath, and there he would find a woman who would give him food.

So Elijah started on his journey, and when he had reached the city, he noticed at the gate a poor woman picking up sticks to make a fire. So he called to her and said, " Bring me, I pray thee, a little water to drink." The woman turned at once to go, for she knew where there was some water, and Elijah called after her, " Bring me also, I pray thee, a little piece of bread in thy hand." Then the poor woman cried, " But I have no bread —nothing but a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a jar, and see, I am gathering these sticks to make a fire to bake a cake for my boy and me. After that is gone we

must both surely die of hunger." For she did not know where to get any more food.

"Do not fear", said Elijah. "Go and make the cake and bring it to me, and God will take care of you and your boy, for thus He hath said, 'The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.'"

The woman, when she heard this, joyfully hurried and made the cake, and after she had done so, she found that there was still meal left in the barrel and oil in the jar. Elijah stayed on in the little house with the mother and her boy; and the meal in the barrel and the oil in the jar lasted during all the days of the famine.

One day, it happened that the little boy took sick and died. When the poor mother saw that her child was dead, she was so grieved and unhappy that she did not know what she was saying, and she cried to Elijah, "Oh, thou man of God, did you come here only to kill my son?"

But Elijah took him up in his arms to his own little room, and there he prayed to God. God heard him and sent the child's spirit back to his little body, so that Elijah carried him down to his mother again, strong and well. Then the woman was sure that every word which Elijah had spoken was true and that God had sent him to her; and she was glad that she had shared her meal and oil with him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What good man lived in the time of King Ahab? 2. To whom did God send Elijah with a message? 3. What was the message? 4. Whither did God next tell Elijah to go? 5. How did God feed Elijah? 6. Whither did God send him when the little brook dried up? 7. What did Elijah find the widow doing? 8. For what did he first ask her? 9. For what else did he ask? 10. What did she say then? 11. What promise did Elijah make to her? 12. What did she find after the cake was made? 13. What happened to the little boy one day? 14. What did Elijah do? 15. How was his prayer answered? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Poor and needy though I be,
God Almighty cares for me;
Gives me clothing, shelter, food,
Gives me all I have of good. Amen.
—Hymn 513, 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—86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

The Question on Missions

(CANADIAN PROBLEMS: February, Problems of the City and Country.)—6. What does the country give to the city? The country existed before the city, and is still its feeder. City dwellers must get their daily bread from the soil. The country produces the strong young men and women who become the workers in the industries and professions of the city.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color this drawing of Elijah coming to the wicked king Ahab, and ask God to make



you as strong and brave to fight against sin as Elijah was.

**I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD THANK GOD FOR MY FOOD**

Lesson VII. ELIJAH'S VICTORY OVER THE PROPHETS OF BAAL February 12, 1911

1 Kings 18 : 25-39. Study 1 Kings 18 : 1, 2, 17-40—Memory Verses, 38, 39.

Golden Text—Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Joshua 24 : 15.



25 And Eli'jah said unto the prophets of Ba'al, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first ; for ye are many ; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Ba'al from morning even until noon, saying, O Ba'al, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Eli'jah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud : for he is a god ; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Eli'jah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31 And Eli'jah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ja'cob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Is'rael shall be thy name :

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord : and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt

sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar ; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Eli'jah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of A'braham, I'saac, and of Is'rael, let it be known this day that thou art God in Is'rael, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces : and they said, The Lord, he is the God ; the Lord, he is the God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Elijah had been living at Zarephath for a long time, God said to him : " Go, show thyself to the king, and I will send rain upon the earth."

So Elijah hurried across the country towards the king's palace. On the way Ahab met Elijah, and spoke to him very angrily. He blamed Elijah because there had been no rain for three years.

But Elijah told the king that he was not to blame for there being no rain in the land. It was because the king and his people had sinned against God by worshipping false gods, that no rain had come from the clouds. Then Elijah told the king to gather all the people together to a high mountain by the sea, and also four hundred and fifty priests of the

false god Baal. When this was done, Elijah spoke to the people. " Let the priests of Baal take an ox ", he said, " and cut it in pieces and lay it on a pile of wood, with no fire underneath ; and I will do the same with another ox." Elijah turned to the priests of Baal, and said to them : " Call ye on your god and I will call on the name of the Lord, and let the one who answers by sending down fire from heaven to burn the ox, be God." And all the people shouted, " It is well spoken."

So the wicked priests took their ox, cut it in pieces, and placed them on a pile of wood. Then they prayed to their god, Baal. " Oh Baal, hear us ", they cried, and they leaped upon the pile of wood, shouting this louder

and louder. But no voice spoke, and no fire came down from heaven. The morning passed, and as the afternoon came on, they grew more and more excited. And as they cried aloud, they danced and cut themselves with knives until their blood flowed, hoping it would make their god answer them. But still no answer came.

At last evening came, and it was Elijah's turn. He took twelve stones and built an altar, and made a deep trench, or ditch, around it. Then, upon it, he placed the wood and the ox cut in pieces. "Fill four barrels of water", he commanded the people, "and pour it over the altar." Three times the men did this, pouring the water all over the ox and the wood, until even the trench around the altar was filled. Then Elijah came near the altar, and prayed, saying, "Oh, Lord God, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art God and that Thou hast turned their hearts back to Thee again, to love Thee and serve Thee."

Suddenly the fire of the Lord fell from heaven upon the altar. And it burned up the ox, the wood, the stones, and even the dust below the altar, and licked up the water in the trench around it. Then all the people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." Then Elijah commanded all the wicked priests of Baal to be put to death, and not one of them escaped.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What message did God send by Elijah to Ahab? 2. Where did Elijah tell Ahab to gather the people? 3. How many priests of Baal were there? 4. What did Elijah propose when they were gathered together? 5. How were they to set's who was the true God? 6. How did the priests of Baal try to get their god to answer? 7. What did Elijah build when his turn came? 8. What did he tell the people to do after the altar was made? 9. What did Elijah pray to the Lord? 10. What happened then? 11. What did the people cry? 12. What became of the priests of Baal? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, whose I am,
Purchased Thine alone to be
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone. Amen.

—Hymn 240, 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—57. *What is repentance unto life?* A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

The Question on Missions

7. Why do people gather together in cities? One reason is their love of social life. Besides this, in former times, the city was a place of protection against enemies. In modern days it is necessary for many to live in cities in order to be near factories and other places of business in which they are employed.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God does not ask us to burn animals on altars, like the one in the drawing, to show



our love, but He does ask us to show our love by giving ourselves to Him to do His will every day. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD WORK FOR GOD

Lesson VIII.

ELIJAH'S FLIGHT AND RETURN

February 19, 1911

1 Kings 19 : 1-16. Study 1 Kings 18 : 41 to 19 : 21—Memory Verses, 11-13.

Golden Text—They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isaiah 40 : 31.

1 And A'hab told Jez'ebel all that Eli'jah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jez'ebel sent a messenger unto Eli'jah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-she'ba, which *belongeth* to Ju'dah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree : and he requested for himself that he might die ; and said, It is enough ; now, O Lord, take away my life ; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, *Arise and eat.*

6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, *Arise and eat ;* because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Hor'eb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there ; and, behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Eli'jah ?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts : for the children of Is'rael have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I, *even*

I only, am left ; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord ; *but* the Lord was not in the wind ; and after the wind an earthquake ; *but* the Lord was not in the earthquake :

12 And after the earthquake a fire ; *but* the Lord was not in the fire ; and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Eli'jah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Eli'jah ?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts : because the children of Is'rael have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I, *even* I only, am left ; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damas'cus : and when thou comest, anoint Haza'el to be king over Syr'ia :

16 And Je'hu the son of Nim'shi shalt thou anoint to be king over Is'rael : and Eli'sha the son of Sha'phat of A'bel-meho'lah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After God had sent down fire from heaven to burn up Elijah's sacrifice, Elijah told King Ahab that there would soon be a great fall of rain. While Ahab went to eat and drink in his tent, the prophet went to the top of Mount Carmel to watch and pray for the rain. At last clouds covered the sky, and Elijah told Ahab that he must drive very fast in his chariot to reach his home in Jezreel before the rain came on. So Ahab drove quickly homeward with Elijah running in front of his chariot, and before they reached the gates of Jezreel the rain had begun to fall. Queen Jezebel was very angry when she heard what had happened, and she sent a messenger to him at once, saying that next day at the same hour she would certainly put him

to death, like the priests of Baal.

When Elijah heard this message, he stole secretly out of the city, and went to a place called Beersheba, where he left his servant and traveled alone another day's journey, farther into the wilderness. At last he lay down under a juniper tree, and prayed to God to take away his life ; for he was weary and discouraged. Presently he fell asleep, but an angel came and touched him saying, "Arise and eat." Elijah sat up wonderingly. There, close beside him, he saw a fire burning and a cake baking on the coals, while at his head stood a bottle of water. So Elijah ate and drank thankfully, and lay down to sleep again. But the angel of the Lord came the second time and touched him

and told him to eat still more food, for he had a long journey before him. And the Lord gave him strength from that food to travel for forty days and forty nights until he came to Mount Horeb.

There he went into a cave and lay down to rest, but the voice of the Lord called to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" And Elijah answered, "The children of Israel have broken Thy laws, thrown down Thy altars and slain Thy prophets. I am the only one left, and they are seeking to kill me also, so I ran away."

Then the Lord passed by the cave where Elijah was. First, there came a great strong wind, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind came an earthquake and a fire, but the Lord was not in either. Then came a still small voice. When Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak, for he knew that it was God's voice. Then God called to Elijah to come out of the cave, and He asked him again, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" And Elijah gave the same answer as he had given before.

Then the Lord told Elijah that there were still seven thousand persons who had not worshiped Baal. And God commanded Elijah to leave his hiding-place, for He had work for him to do. He was to anoint Hazael a new king over Syria, and Jehu king over Israel in Ahab's place. Also, he was to anoint a man named Elisha to be a prophet in his stead. So Elijah did as the Lord commanded him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Elijah tell Ahab? 2. What did Ahab then do? 3. What did Elijah do? 4. What happened next? 5. What message did Jezebel send to Elijah? 6. What did Elijah do on hearing Jezebel's message? 7. What did Elijah pray in the wilderness? 8. Who came to him? 9. How did God provide for Elijah? 10. To what mountain did he go? 11. What did the Lord ask Elijah? 12. What answer did Elijah make? 13. What strange things happened as Elijah was in the cave? 14. What did Elijah know when he heard the still small voice? 15. What did God ask again? 16. What did Elijah answer? 17.

What good news did God tell Elijah? 18.
What did God tell him he was to do? 19.
What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own,
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,
Fears to stir a step alone;
Let me thus with Thee abide,
As my Father, Guard, and Guide. Amen.
—Hymn 292, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 86, 87.

The Question on Missions

8. How is it that so many leaders in every occupation come from the country? This is due largely to the quiet home life of the country, and to the fact that, on the farm, boys and girls are kept usefully busy. Thus they form habits of industry and self-reliance, and are saved from the perils of idleness.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing of Elijah sitting under the tree in the wilderness, and remember



that, when we are weary and discouraged, God will help us as He helped Elijah.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE HOPEFUL

ELIJAH MEETS AHAB IN NABOTH'S VINEYARD

February 26, 1911

1 Kings 21 : 11-20. Study 1 Kings, ch. 21—Memory Verses, 17-19.

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



11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jez'ebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Na'both on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Be'lial, and sat before him : and the men of Be'lial witnessed against him, *even* against Na'both, in the presence of the people, saying, Na'both did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jez'ebel, saying, Na'both is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to pass, when Jez'ebel heard that Na'both was stoned, and was dead, that Jez'ebel said to A'hab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na'both the Jez'reelite, which he refused to give thee for money : for Na'both is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass, when A'hab heard that Na'both was dead, that A'hab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Na'both the

Jez'reelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the word of the Lord came to Eli'jah the Tish'bite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet A'hab king of Is'rael, which *is* in Samar'ia : behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Na'both, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession ? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Na'both shall dogs lick thy blood, *even* thine.

20 And A'hab said to Eli'jah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy ? And he answered, I have found *thee* : because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Near Ahab's palace in Jezreel was a beautiful vineyard belonging to a man named Naboth. Ahab wished very much to buy this vineyard, that he might make a garden of it ; but Naboth refused to sell it. Then Ahab went home angry and displeased, and would neither eat nor drink. But Jezebel, his wife, said to him, " Are you king of Is'rael, and do you allow yourself to be treated so ? Rise up and eat and let your heart be merry, and I will see that you get the vineyard."

So the cruel queen wrote letters to the rulers of Jezreel, and commanded them to find two wicked men who would lie against Naboth and say that they had heard him speak evil of God and the king. The rulers did as Jezebel commanded, and when the wicked

men told this falsehood in the presence of the people, they took Naboth out of the city and stoned him till he died.

The rulers sent and told Jezebel that Naboth was dead ; and when she heard this she went into the room where Ahab lay and said, " Arise, and take the vineyard you have set your heart on, for Naboth is dead." So Ahab arose quickly, and went down to the vineyard to take possession of it. And the Lord commanded Elijah to go down and meet him there, and say to him, " Hast thou killed Naboth and taken his vineyard ? I tell thee that in the very place where his blood was shed, thy blood shall be shed also, and thy body lie unburied." So Elijah went to meet Ahab, and when Ahab saw him coming, he cried out, " Hast thou found me,

O mine enemy?" And Elijah answered, "Yes, I have found thee, because thou hast done great evil in the sight of the Lord." Then he went on to tell the king that God would send evil after evil upon him and all his family, until not one of them would be left alive. As for Jezebel, she would have a dreadful death, and her body would afterwards be eaten by the dogs of the street in the city of Jezreel. For no other king of Israel had been as wicked as Ahab, and no other queen as wicked as Jezebel, who had tempted him to sin.

When Ahab heard the words of Elijah, he rent his clothes to show his grief, and mourned and fasted. So the Lord said to Elijah, "Because Ahab has thus humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil I have promised upon his family in his lifetime, but in his son's."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What man owned a beautiful vineyard?
2. Who wanted to buy this?
3. What did he do when Naboth refused?
4. What did Jezebel the queen say to Ahab?
5. What did Jezebel write to the rulers of the city?
6. What happened then?
7. What did Jezebel do when she heard Naboth was dead?
8. Whom did God command to go and meet Ahab?
9. What was Elijah to tell Ahab?
10. What was Ahab's greeting to Elijah?
11. What punishment did Elijah say God would send upon Ahab?
12. What upon Jezebel?
13. How did Ahab receive the news?
14. What did God then promise?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"That looks such a nice fat worm", said the little fish, seeing one suddenly dangled temptingly in front of him. "I think I'll have it for my breakfast." "Don't touch it!" cried his mother fearfully, "or something dreadful will happen." "I don't see how", said the little fish. He swam a little closer. "It looks so very good and fat. I simply must have one bite anyway." So he took it. Then suddenly he felt a sharp pain and he was drawn gasping up into the air, and that was the end of the greedy little fish.

Lesson Hymn

My Saviour, as Thou wilt:
 If needy here and poor,
 Give me Thy people's bread,
 Their portion rich and sure.
 The manna of Thy word
 Let my soul feed upon;
 And if all else should fail,
 My Lord, Thy will be done. Amen.
 —Hymn 288, 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—Review Questions 82-87.

The Question on Missions

9. What should be the strongest influence in the life of both city and country? That of the Christian church, because through the church's work hearts are changed, and therefore life in the home and in business is made better.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

These words of the Tenth Commandment (to be copied) teach us that we should not

**THOU SHALT
NOT COVET**

allow evil thoughts and desires to remain in our hearts.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD DESIRE ONLY GOOD THINGS

Lesson X. ELIJAH GOES UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN March 5, 1911

2 Kings 2 : 1-11. Study 2 Kings 2 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—Enoch walked with God : and he was not ; for God took him.—Genesis 5 : 24.



1 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Eli'jah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Eli'jah went with Eli'sha from Gil'gal.

2 And Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Tarry here, I pray thee ; for the Lord hath sent me to Beth'-el. And Eli'sha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth'-el.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth'-el came forth to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day ? And he said, Yea, I know it ; hold ye your peace.

4 And Eli'jah said unto him, Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray thee ; for the Lord hath sent me to Jer'icho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and, as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jer'icho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jer'icho came to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day ? And he answered, Yea, I know it ; hold ye your peace.

6 And Eli'jah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here ; for the Lord hath sent me to Jer'dan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off : and they two stood by Jer'dan.

8 And Eli'jah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Eli'sha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing : nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee ; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder ; and Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The time had now come when God intended to take Elijah up to heaven, and one day in the town of Gilgal, Elijah said to his friend Elisha,—the man whom God had chosen to be prophet in his stead—"The Lord hath sent me to Bethel, but you need not come any farther." But Elisha said, "No, I will not leave thee." So they both went down to Bethel together. And when they drew near the town, the prophets who lived there, came out to meet them, and said to Elisha, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take away thy master from thee to-day?" "Yes, I know it", said Elisha sadly, "but do not speak about it."

The two friends came next to Jericho, for God sent Elijah thither. The prophets at Jericho spoke to Elisha the same words as those at Bethel, and Elisha gave them the same answer. But Elijah and Elisha were not to remain even in Jericho, for the

Lord told Elijah to go on to Jordan, and so they journeyed on till they reached the river. Away off in the distance, a company of fifty prophets watched to see what would happen.

Then Elijah took off his cloak, and with it he struck the waters of the river. Immediately the waves rolled back, leaving a dry path for the two friends to cross over to the other side. There they were once more alone, and Elijah said to his friend, "Now that I am going away from you, is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes", said Elisha, "I pray that such a portion of thy spirit may fall upon me that I shall be fit to be a leader of the prophets in thy stead." "Thou hast asked a hard thing", answered Elijah, "still, if God grant thee to see me when I am being taken up into heaven, He will also grant thee what thou askest." Suddenly, as they were speaking last loving words together, a great light shone round

about them, and a flaming chariot drawn by horses of fire came sweeping down from the skies and caught up Elijah and carried him into heaven, and Elisha never saw him again.

For some time he mourned there for his friend, then he returned to the river, carrying with him Elijah's mantle, which he had dropped as he went up to heaven. The waters were still flowing as smoothly as before, but when Elisha, like Elijah before him, struck them with the mantle, they again parted as they had done the first time, to let him cross over. So Elisha knew that God had given Elijah's power to him, and the watching young men, who saw the miracle, knew it also, and cried, "The spirit of Elijah has come upon Elisha!"

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was God going to do for Elijah?
2. Who was Elisha?
3. Whither did God send Elijah first?
4. Why did Elisha go with him?
5. Who came to meet them?
6. What did they say to Elisha?
7. What did he answer?
8. What happened at Jericho?
9. Whither did the two friends go next?
10. Who followed them?
11. Why?
12. What happened when they reached the river?
13. What choice did Elijah offer to Elisha?
14. What did Elisha choose?
15. What did Elijah promise?
16. What wonderful thing happened next?
17. What did Elisha do when he returned to the river?
18. What happened for the second time?
19. What did Elisha know then?
20. Who else knew this?
21. What did they cry?
22. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The children, with swimming eyes, watched the line of mourning carriages move down the snowy street. "Oh, mother", cried Bertie, bursting into tears, "I can't bear to think of dear Mrs. Morrison being put into the cold ground. If it had only been summer!" Mother put an arm around both him and Betty. "Children", she said, "it is only Mrs. Morrison's worn-out, old body that is being put into the ground. She herself is in a beautiful home up in heaven now, which God has given her because she did so much for Him on earth, and she will never be cold nor hungry again as she was so often here. Isn't that good news?"

"Oh, yes", cried Betty and Bertie, and they dried their eyes again.

Lesson Hymn

There is a happy land,
Far, far away,
Where saints in glory stand,
Bright, bright as day:
O how they sweetly sing,
'Worthy is our Saviour King!'
Loud let His praises ring,
Praise, praise for aye. Amen.
—Hymn 593, 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—Rev. Questions 1-11.

The Question on Missions

(CANADIAN PROBLEMS: March, The Problem of Immigration—European and American.)—10. What are the main causes of the large immigration into Western Canada? The desire for land, and, in many cases, the difficulty of winning a livelihood in older and more crowded countries. Canada's Western plains are the last unoccupied farming lands in North America.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lord took Elijah up to heaven with a chariot and horses of fire. He will not



take us in the same way, but, if we love and serve him here, He will just as surely take us to that happy home. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD GET READY FOR HEAVEN

LESSON XI. **ELISHA THE PROPHET RESTORES A CHILD** March 12, 1911
TO LIFE

2 Kings 4 : 25-37. Study 2 Kings 4 : 8-37—Memory Verses, 32-35.

Golden Text—The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans 6:23.



25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Car'mel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Geha'zi his servant, Behold, *yonder is that Shunam'mite* :

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee ? is it well with thy husband ? is it well with the child ?* And she answered, *It is well.*

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet : but Geha'zi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone ; for her soul *is vexed within her* ; and the Lord hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord ? did I not say, Do not deceive me ?

29 Then he said to Geha'zi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way : if thou meet any man, salute him not ; and if any salute thee, answer him not again : and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and *as thy soul liveth*, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Geha'zi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child ; but *there was* neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Eli'sha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon

his eyes, and his hands upon his hands : and he stretched himself upon the child ; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro ; and went up, and stretched himself upon him : and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Geha'zi, and said, Call this Shunam'mite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Elijah was carried away to heaven, Elisha took his place as a prophet, and traveled up and down through the land, teaching the people many things. In his journeyings he often passed through the little town of Shunem. A good woman who lived there, knowing he was a prophet, got her husband to build a little room for him in their house, where he might stay whenever he wished. Elisha was very grateful for this kindness, and, because she wished very much for a little son, told her that God would reward her by sending her one very soon, which He did. But one day it happened when the child had grown, that he took suddenly ill and died. He had gone out in the morning with his father to the field, but while he was there he took sick. The father sent one of his young men to carry him to his mother, and he died on her lap at noon.

The poor mother carried the little body up to Elisha's room, and laid it on his bed ; then she hurried away to look for the man of God, feeling sure he would be able to help her. At last she found him at Mount Carmel. Elisha saw her a long way off, and said to his servant, Gehazi, " Run and meet the woman, and ask her if everything is well with her husband and child."

So Gehazi ran and asked her, and she answered, " All is well." But when she came to Elisha, she knelt down at his feet and cried out bitterly, " Did I ask you to give me a son ?" Then Elisha knew that her little boy was dead. So he said to Gehazi, " Take my staff, and hurry to the house. Do not stop to speak to any one, and lay it on the face of the child." But the woman said to Elisha, " I will not go home without thee." So Elisha went with her.

In the meantime, Gehazi hurried on before them, and going up to his master's room laid Elisha's staff on the little dead face, as he had been told to do. But the child never moved, so Gehazi went back to Elisha and said, "The child has not awaked."

Then Elisha went up into the little room alone, and prayed to the Lord. Afterwards he got up and lay upon the bed and breathed into the child's mouth, and his flesh began to grow warm again. Then Elisha got up and walked up and down the room, and again stretched himself upon the child till at last he sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. And Elisha said to Gehazi, "Call the woman." And when the poor mother came in and found her little boy alive and well again, she fell at Elisha's feet and thanked him; then she took up her child, and went out with a joyful heart.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Elisha do after Elijah's death?
2. What did a kind woman do for him?
3. How was she rewarded?
4. What afterwards happened to the child?
5. To whom did his mother go for help?
6. What did Elisha do when he saw her coming?
7. What did she say when she came to Elisha?
8. What did he tell Gehazi to do?
9. What happened when Gehazi obeyed Elisha's command?
10. What did Elisha himself do when he came to the house?
11. What happened then?
12. How did the mother show her gratitude?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Oh, my dear little fern is dead", cried Maddie one morning. "That's just a little way ferns have", mother assured her, "there's lots of life in its roots yet, so give it a rest down cellar for the winter." Several times during the long cold months, Maddie eagerly examined her fern, but it looked more withered and dead than ever. But one day in the early spring she caught sight of a tiny green shoot. "Now, bring it up and give it light and water", said mother. So, its long rest having done it good, the little fern grew up into a great feathery plant more beautiful than before.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,
Thy chosen cannot die!
Like Thee they conquer in the strife
To reign with Thee on high. Amen.
—Hymn 322, 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—Review Questions 12-20.

The Question on Missions

11. Of what nationalities chiefly are the immigrants? By far the larger number are from Britain and the United States; but there are also French and Italian, German and Russian, Austrian, Scandinavian and Galician or Ruthenian. It is expected that the number of immigrants for the year ending 31st March, 1911, will be about 300,000.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells us how Elisha brought back to life a little boy who had died. Many, many years afterwards Jesus died and His



body was laid in a grave. But, after three days, He rose from the grave, and He has told us that all His people, though they must die, will rise again. *Color the drawing.*

**I Have Learned Today That
I SHOULD THANK GOD FOR MY LIFE**

Lesson XII.

DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKENNESS— TEMPERANCE LESSON

March 19, 1911

1 Kings 20 : 12-21—Memory Verse, 13.

Golden Text—It is not for kings to drink wine ; nor for princes strong drink.—Proverbs 31 : 4.



12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, *Set yourselves in array.* And they set themselves in array against the city.

13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto *A'hab* king of *Is'rael*, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude ? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day ; and thou shalt know that *I am* the Lord.

14 And *A'hab* said, By whom ? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle ? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two : and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of *Is'rael*, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But *Ben-hadad* *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first ; and *Ben-hadad* sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of *Samar'ia*.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive ; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man : and the *Syr'ians* fled ; and *Is'rael* pursued them : and *Ben-hadad* the king of *Syr'ia* escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of *Is'rael* went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the *Syr'ians* with a great slaughter.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It happened, when Ahab was king of Israel, that Ben-hadad, the king of a country called Syria, gathered a great army together and went up to fight against Samaria, the city where the king lived. And Ben-hadad sent several messages to Ahab, saying first that he would take away from him all his wealth and even his wives and children ; and afterwards, that he would also send his servants to search Ahab's palace that they might take anything from it that they desired.

Ahab was afraid when he heard the first message, and hastily sent messengers to Ben-hadad, saying that he might take whatever he wished. But when the second one came, threatening to search even his palace,

and take all its treasures, he grew angry.

Ahab then called the chief men of Israel together, and told them what Ben-hadad had said. The elders and all the people at once answered, " Do not yield to Ben-hadad." But when this answer was brought to Ben-hadad, he sent still another message to Ahab, saying that he had a great army behind him, and with it he would come up immediately and take the city of Samaria. But Ahab answered proudly, " Do not boast beforehand as if you had already gained the victory."

When Ben-hadad heard this second message, he and his captains were drinking together in their tents. And the king cried, " Make ready for the battle !" So the sol-

diers prepared themselves to march against Samaria. And while they were doing this, the Lord sent a prophet to Ahab to tell him not to fear the Syrians, but go out bravely against them. So at noon they started out.

And the Syrian army, whose leaders had been drinking so much that they hardly knew what they were doing, was soon overcome by the men of Israel, who had the Lord as their Helper. So the Israelites drove their enemies out of the country, and Ben-hadad himself had to flee away on a horse with some of his soldiers. So God gave His people the victory.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What king came to fight Israel in the days of Ahab?
2. What messages did Ben-hadad send Ahab?
3. Whose advice did Ahab ask?
4. What did these say?
5. What other message did Ben-hadad send?
6. What was Ahab's reply?
7. What was Ben-hadad doing in his tent?
8. What orders did he give?
9. Who sent a message to Ahab?
10. What was the message?
11. What did Ben-hadad command when the Israelites came out of the city?
12. Who won the battle?
13. Why?
14. What did the Israelites do to their enemies?
15. What became of Ben-hadad?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dick was snuggled up comfortably on Aunt Kate's knee, looking at her book, *Well Known Paintings*. "Oh, here's a good one", he cried. It was a picture of a rough-looking man behind prison bars, and on the

street in front, stood a beautiful little boy gazing curiously at the prisoner. "What did the man do, and why is the boy looking at him?" questioned Dick wonderingly.

"You would hardly believe it, but the boy and the man are the same person." "Oh, Aunt Kate, you're joking!" "No, this little boy was just as you see him,—bright, happy, beautiful; but as he grew up he fell into bad company, and gradually grew into habits of drinking and gambling until at last he was thrown into prison."

Lesson Hymn

We are little children,
Weak and apt to stray;
Saviour, guide and keep us
In the heavenly way. Amen.
—Hymn 528, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HATE STRONG DRINK

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-29.

The Question on Missions

12. What is the great "immigration problem" of our church? To obtain men to preach the gospel to the new settlers scattered over the Western prairies. Hundreds of additional missionaries will be needed yearly, if these are all to be reached. The work is seriously hampered by lack of suitable men.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words of the great apostle Paul, and remember that they were written for you.

Be not drunk with wine

Golden Text—Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 144 : 15.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 1-20. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 30-38. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—552, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

A Question Review

In this Review, let us put down the title of each Lesson, and see how many of the following questions we can answer :

Lesson I. THE KINGDOM DIVIDED. Who became king of God's people after Solomon ? What did the people ask of Rehoboam ? How did he answer them ? What other king did ten tribes choose ? How many tribes were left to Rehoboam ?

Lesson II. JEROBOAM MAKES IDOLS FOR ISRAEL TO WORSHIP. What was Jeroboam's kingdom called ? (Israel.) What name was given to Rehoboam's kingdom ? (Judah.) What sort of idols did Jeroboam make ? How many of these were there ? In what two places were they set up ? (Bethel and Dan.)

Lesson III. ASA'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH. What prophet spoke to Asa ? (Azariah.) Whom did he and his people seek ? (The Lord.) What was the result ? (Joy.)

Lesson IV. OMRI AND AHAB LEAD ISRAEL INTO GREATER SIN. What city did Omri, king of Israel, build ? In whose wicked ways did he follow ? (Jeroboam's.) What wicked woman did Ahab take to be his wife ? What false god did Ahab worship ?

Lesson V. JEHOSEPHAT'S GOOD REIGN IN JUDAH. Whose son was Jehoshaphat ? What did he send men to teach to the people ? (God's law.)

Lesson VI. ELIJAH THE PROPHET APPEARS IN ISRAEL. To what king was Elijah sent ? What was he to tell Ahab ? To what brook was Elijah sent ? How did God feed him there ? Whither was the prophet afterwards sent ? Who fed him there ?

Lesson VII. ELIJAH'S VICTORY OVER THE PROPHETS OF BAAL. Where were the people of Israel gathered ? (On Mount Carmel.) How many priests of Baal were present ? What did Elijah ask the Lord to do ? What was the answer ?

Lesson VIII. ELIJAH'S FLIGHT AND RETURN. Of whom was Elijah afraid ? Whither did he flee ? Under what sort of tree did he sit down ? What did he ask of the Lord ? How did the Lord provide food for him ? To what mountain did Elijah go ? Tell what happened ?

Lesson IX. ELIJAH MEETS AHAB IN NABOTH'S VINEYARD. Whose vineyard did Ahab wish to buy ? How did Naboth treat the king's offer ? (He refused it.) How did the king feel ? How did Jezebel have Naboth put to death ? Who then got the vineyard ?

Lesson X. ELIJAH GOES UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN. Who became a companion of Elijah ? How was Elijah taken up to heaven ?

Lesson XI. ELISHA THE PROPHET RESTORES A CHILD TO LIFE. What place did Elisha often visit ? (Shunem.) How did Elisha bring a child back to life ?

Lesson XII. DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKENNESS. What king tried to take Samaria from Ahab ? What happened when Ahab led out his army against Ben-hadad ?

Lesson Hymn

From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And, filled with true devotion,
Obey Thy sovereign word.

Our prairies and our mountains,
Forest and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes, and fountains,
To Thee shall tribute yield. Amen.
—Hymn 506, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should heed God's lessons

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. The Kingdom Divided.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Elijah's Victory Over the Prophets of Baal.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Jeroboam Makes Idols for Israel to Worship.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Elijah's Flight and Return.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Asa's Good Reign in Judah.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Elijah Meets Ahab in Naboth's Vineyard.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Omri and Ahab Lead Israel into Greater Sin.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Elijah Goes Up By a Whirlwind into Heaven.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Jehoshaphat's Good Reign in Judah.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Elisha the Prophet Restores a Child to Life.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Elijah the Prophet Appears in Israel.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Defeat Through Drunkenness.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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