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The Mother and Her Child

The whole world once to a mother came
To buy her child away;
There were rich and poor, there were great
and small,
There were wise men old and gray.

"The world and its treasures, all, wilt take?
Its gold, its castles and lands?"
"The world", she replied, "could purchase
not
The touch of my baby's hands."

So the world returned to its wealth and pride,
To sail its ships on the deep;
But none were happy as she who sat
Singing her babe to sleep.

From Heaven to Earth

"The Messiah came to earth;
But so lowly was His birth,
That His majesty from us was concealed."

So runs the children's hymn; and the
Lessons for the first half of this year tell how
that majesty made itself known.

In the three months now beginning, we
see, first, John the Baptist, who rebuked
men so boldly for their sins, pointing two
of his own disciples to Jesus, His cousin
from Galilee, as the "Lamb of God". They
immediately follow Jesus, and others are
gathered in. Then this Jesus from Galilee
cleanses the temple of wicked men, and calls
it His Father's house—meaning God's. By
His words to a ruler who sought Him by
night, and to a woman whom He met at a
well at noonday; by healing a nobleman's

boy, and a man who had been helpless for
thirty-eight years; by feeding a great mul-
titude with five small loaves and two small
fishes, and by the wonderful words He
spoke afterwards; and then by giving sight
to a man born blind:—in these ways He
showed that He came from God, that He
knew God, and that, in truth, He was God.

The Children and the Church Service

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

We all admit the necessity of inculcating
in our children such habits as honesty,
cleanliness and consideration for others.
Has it occurred to us to add church-going
to the list? In after years, when cares and
pleasures encroach on the spiritual life, a
well developed habit of letting nothing but
strict necessity prevent our attending the
worship of God in His house, will be one of
the greatest safeguards towards keeping us,
although in the world, yet not of it.

More or less, children take their opinions
from their elders. If church, therefore, is
a weariness of the flesh to these, or the ser-
vice and sermon merely an opportunity for
criticism, too soon the little ones will tire of
going.

But, if they see at home an appreciation
and love of divine worship, it will likely
develop in them the spirit which says, "May
I go"? instead of, "Must I go"?

But it must be taken into consideration,
that, however well and reverently children
have been taught to behave, so long a period
of enforced quietude as a church service
is a severe strain on their patience. The

singing, perhaps, they enjoy most, and those churches which make a practice of having a hymn especially for them in the morning service, do wisely in thus encouraging the little tots to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord", in words suited to their understandings and in melodies which appeal to them.

As, at a dinner table, children may find some of the courses too rich for their digestions, while there is much that will be nourishing and palatable, so there will be few sermons in which there are not many little bits that come within the range of their small minds. They might be encouraged to memorize the text, and a harmless rivalry might be developed amongst them in seeing which can remember the most of the sermon.

It is given to very few who have left childhood behind to realize "the long, long thoughts" of the little ones there, and we may not know just what seed may lodge and germinate in their hearts, it may be after many years. So, when the Master, by the hands of His faithful ministers, scatters the seed, let the little ones be in their places to receive it.

St. John. N.B.

" Me, Too, Daddy "

A TRUE STORY

By H. Margaret Fairlie

The little boy and his father were in a big store late on Saturday afternoon.

There was one parcel big enough for father to carry, and the other one was just the right size to tuck under the little boy's arm.

"Let me carry 'em bof", said the little fellow, when they got out on the busy street, looking up, unafraid, at the big parcel in his father's hand. Father smiled down at his willing little "transfer man", and handed the big parcel to him.

The sturdy little legs tried hard to keep up to father's big ones, but it was hard work, when he couldn't put one hand in Daddy's—and then, part of the way was up hill—and—well—the big parcel seemed to get bigger and bigger every step he took. Perhaps he

wouldn't be *very much* of a baby if he let father carry the *big* one!

"Daddy, I guess I'll let you carry 'iss one", he faltered, at last, and the big parcel was transferred to his father's arms.

The brave little fellow trudged on; but the sun seemed to get hotter and hotter, and his arm, how it ached and ached! Even the little parcel seemed big now, and—perhaps Daddy wouldn't mind very much, he was so big and strong!

"'Iss is *pretty* heavy too", he gasped, and father bent down, and the two parcels were soon keeping one another company in his big, kind arms.

A long sunny hill came down to meet the shady street, and the little boy and his father had to climb it before they got home to mother.

There were little prickly hot spots in his head now, and his tongue seemed dry and sore; it was hard to swallow—and the hill—oh! it looked so far away to the top!

"Carry *me* too, Daddy", he faltered, at length, and the tired, brave little fellow was bundled into his father's waiting arms. They were big enough for baby, bundles and all.

And the last little bundle somehow felt that Daddy knew he had tried hard, *hard*. Kingston, Ont.

Who was the Little Prince ?

Once upon a time, there was a little Prince, who lived in very evil days. The king died, and a very wicked woman made herself queen. And, so that there might be no one to put her off the throne, she killed all the princes and princesses that belonged to the dead king's family. But a good woman hid this little Prince from the wicked queen, but she did not know that he was saved. Now, all the people hated the queen for what she had done; so a good priest took the little Prince, and gathered together all the soldiers, and made him king. Then they took the wicked queen, and put her to death. The little Prince was only seven years old when he was crowned as king. But he grew up to be a good and wise ruler, and taught his people to worship God. *Who was the little Prince ?*

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The Virtue of a White Gown

"O, mother, how pretty you look!"

"How sweet!"

"Where are you going?"

"Guess!" I cried, "I'm going—going—going to stay right here with you this afternoon."

I ended enthusiastically, and I smiled. My little ruse had succeeded. Just a simple white dress had created the atmosphere that I wanted.

The children were cross; I was tired and irritable; yet I wanted to be patient and agreeable. I remembered, when a teacher, how the school children had taken a dislike to a certain dress I wore; they fancied I was always cross in it. I recollected how pleased they were over a new gown, and especially over anything white. They begged me always to wear white. Now I was resolved to test again the power of the white dress, and see if it might not react upon my tired nerves.

It was a dull, rainy day; but I had a warm fire. I selected a white waist, not too thin, and alas! a little out of style. Then I found my old pique skirt, a bit mussed, but clean.

I wore a dainty blue ribbon at my neck, and a bow to match in my hair. A string of blue beads completed my costume. Last of all, a lace-trimmed handkerchief with a dash of cologne. The third-reader class used to admire "teacher's handkerchief, so nice an' smelly!"

Now I was ready for the afternoon, and felt quite equal to entertaining three restless children just recovering from the measles. At the chorus of "ohs" and "ahs" and the gentle pats on my hair, the loving touches on the string of beads, I felt more than repaid. I was actually rested and in good humor with myself again, while the children were eager to follow every suggestion that I made.

O the magic of a White Gown!—*Exchange*

Her Own Doll

By Mrs. Margaret Caven Wilson

One long, wide street ran through the town of Mehidpore, and a broad, fine road crossed the main street near its centre, so that the city was almost equally divided into four quarters. For the rest there were only narrow, crooked lanes that zigzagged all over the big, rambling place. The shops of the "oilman caste" opened out on this second road, but to reach the homes of the poorer people of the caste one had to pick one's way carefully through a network of short lanes reaching away behind the shops, lanes among which it was much easier to lose yourself, than to find the house of Kallu, the oilman. It was a little house of two rooms in the very centre of the *mohulla*, or quarter. One morning Janki and Tulsi, Kallu's daughter and step-daughter, having finished their early morning work, were sitting on the mud platform in front of the house, waiting for a girl friend who always went with them to the Mission School in the "big bazar".

"Are! Who is making such a hulla-baloo", said Tulsi, as a funny little figure, clad only in a scanty little cotton skirt, turned into the lane, crying and sobbing pitifully. "It's the Baba's daughter. Here"—and Tulsi thrust out a bare foot to stop the child passing the platform—"what

is this? Hath thy step-mother been beating thee?"

But it was to Janki that little Sundri turned, Janki who was the fearless defender of the poor and weak and helpless children all over the neighborhood.

"Wilt thou get me back my doll—my beauty doll, with the yellow hair and blue eyes—the doll that the Missun Miss Sahib gave me at Christmas?" "Oh, Oh, Oh!"

"Where is thy doll, then? Has it gone lost?" asked Janki.

"No, not lost. Mariam, she has carried it off, and if thou—" and the wee girlie looked pitifully at ten-year-old Janki, who seemed to her so big and strong and capable.

"What! One-eyed Mariam, the Mussalmani?" asked Janki.

Sundri nodded "Yes".

"Come, child, we'll go to the Missun Miss Sahib", and Janki took the little one's hand and said soothing words to her, as they went along the lanes towards the Mission School.

"The Miss Sahiba has just gone away to old Mariambai's house—thou knowest it?—in the Mussalman Quarter. Mariam's girl is ill. But what dost thou want? Come in and tell me", and the Christian teacher smiled kindly on the two children standing before the door of the poor room dignified by the name of Mission School.

"We'll follow the Miss Sahiba." And Janki led Sundri to old Maraim's place.

Miss Venner had reached Mariam's house only a few minutes before the two little girls appeared at the door, and was kneeling beside a low cot on which lay a dying girl, Mariam's only daughter. Fatima had been married when only eight years of age to a young man who lived near by, and her mother-in-law, a coarse, bad-tempered woman, kept the child with her most of the time so that she might work—slave—for the family. Weakened in body, and broken in spirit by constant hard work and ill-treatment, the girl one day threatened to drown herself.

"Well, go then, thou useless daughter of a witch mother", and her mother-in-law gave her so savage a push, that Fatima staggered and fell over the open fire on which

the day's bread was cooking. In a moment her thin, cotton clothes were in a blaze, and before the fire could be put out she was terribly burned. Fatima would be no longer of any use to her husband's family, so no objection was made when Mariam had her carried to her own house. She was dying. But some days before the accident she had happened to see a "mission doll" carried proudly in the arms of a little friend, and when Mariam, in anguish of soul, said to her, "My darling, what can I do for thee—my love—my heart?" Fatima whispered:

"A missun doll. Oh mother, give me a doll—an *Inglis* doll." And Mariam swore that a mission doll her child should have. And she got it—stole it—from little Sundri, and hurried back with it to the bedside of her child. "Here, my daughter! Here my darling! Open thine eyes. Here is thy doll."

A shadow fell across the room, and Mariam, looking up, saw Miss Venner standing in the doorway. She thought that the theft had been reported, and that the mission Miss Sahiba had come to recover stolen property.

"It's the property of your Honour, I know it. But my daughter—she is going away—look? You will not take it from her."

"No, sister. Fear nothing. I will not take it from her."

Fatima hugged the doll close to her breast with the unburned arm, and looking with rapture towards her mother, murmured, "My own doll, mother. My very own doll with the yellow hair—look—and the blue eye. My own beautiful dollie." "Thine own, my darling."

The little hand loosened its grasp, and the spirit fled away to the beautiful land where all the little children may have dolls if they want them, and where there is nothing but happiness all the day long.

"Come, Sundri", said Janki in an awed voice. "We will not tell the Miss Sahiba that old Mariambai is a thief. And I will give thee my dollie, for thou art but a baby."

But brave little Janki's lips quivered as she spoke, for she was parting with her dearest treasure.

Indore, Central India

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1908

I. PRAYER. Repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert.

II. SINGING. Hymn 576, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2, 3. (These three verses are from 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.)

Light of life, so softly shining	Light of life, so sweetly gleaming
From the blood-besprinkled tree;	Down upon our troubled sea,
Never waning or declining,	With the love of Jesus beaming,
Shine, shine on me.	Shine, shine on me.

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

III. REPEAT IN CONCERT the Golden Text for the Quarter. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men", John 1:4.

IV. OFFERING. Let this be taken by two of the children, while the rest sing vs. 1 and 2 of Hymn 564, Book of Praise.

O, how joyous is the music	But sweeter music far than all,
Of the missionary song,	Which Jesus loves to hear,
When it freely comes from every heart,	Are children's voices when they breathe
And sounds from every tongue—	A missionary prayer—
When happy Christian little ones	When they bring the heart-petition
All sing with one accord	To the great Redeemer's throne,
Of the times when realms of darkness	That he will choose the heathen out
Shall be kingdoms of the Lord!	And take them for His own. Amen.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six years of age, The Good Shepherd, Psalm 23. For those over six, The King of Glory, Psalm 24.

VI. SINGING. Hymn selected by the children.

VII. 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.

VIII. LESSON HYMN for the day. (See each Lesson.)

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK. Sing very softly, with closed eyes and bowed heads, Hymn 575, Book of Praise.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

XII. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

Teacher. The Word was made flesh,*Class.* And dwelt among us,*Teacher.* And we beheld His glory,*Teacher and Class.* Full of grace and truth.

XIII. PRAYER. Brief sentences, the teacher leading, and the children following phrase by phrase.

XIV. CLOSING HYMN.

Lesson I.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

January 5, 1908

John 1 : 1-14. Study John 1 : 1-18—*Memory verse, 3.

Golden Text—The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.—John 1 : 14.

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

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of

even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had lived for thirty years on earth and had gone back to heaven, four of His followers wrote about all the wonderful things He had said and done, while He was here among men. One of these, named John, tells us more about Jesus Himself, than any of the others. John wrote his story or Gospel when he was an old man. He was the youngest of the twelve disciples whom Jesus gathered about Him and taught; and so he had a long lifetime to think over his Master's words and acts, before he wrote them down. Perhaps this is why he seems to give us such a sweet and beautiful picture of Jesus and just what He was like. It is from John's Gospel, that our Lessons for this Quarter and the next are taken.

John tells about Jesus from the very beginning, that He was with God even before the world was made, and that He was God; and that "all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made

that was made." John calls Jesus "the Word", because He came to tell people about God. From Him, also, all life comes, and He puts light into the hearts of men, to show them how to live aright.

When the time came for God to send Jesus down from heaven to live among men, a man was sent to tell the people that they must get ready for His coming, by putting away all their sins, and doing God's will with all their hearts. The name of this man was John the Baptist.

Strange to say, however, when Jesus did come into the world, there were very few who welcomed Him, although He was their true King. Even His own people, the Jews, though their prophets had told them, over and over again, that He was coming, would not believe that He was the Son of God. Only a few received Him gladly; and to these He gave the greatest blessing that any one can have—the right to call themselves

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

sons and daughters of God. And so Jesus came to dwell amongst men on earth, and those who became His friends and followers rejoiced because they saw in Him God's own wonderful kindness and love and truth. And the better they knew Him, the more they loved Him and trusted Him with all their hearts.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many of Jesus' followers wrote about what He had said and done? 2. Which of them tells most about what He was like? 3. How far back does John go in his story? 4. What did Jesus make? 5. Why is He called the Word? 6. Who was sent before Jesus? 7. For what purpose? 8. What did he tell the people they must do? 9. Were there many who welcomed Jesus when He came into the world? 10. How did even His own people receive Him? 11. What great blessing did He give those who loved and trusted Him? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The little blind boy was outside asking questions of the children who could see. "Is there one big cloud in the sky, or lots of little ones?" "One great big one, and some baby ones!" they cried; "and the sun's making streaks of gold along the top of the big one, and the under part's dark and purple." "Perhaps a thunder storm's coming", ventured the blind boy. "And which is the greenest to-day, the grass or the trees?"

"Oh, the trees are the brightest. They're casting such big shadows on the grass, they're making it look quite black." "Cept over in that corner", cried another eager voice, "it looks most as bright as the sun itself, with all those yellow buttercups". And Granny in a corner of the veranda heard it all. "They never saw the beautiful things around them before he came", she said. "The little blind boy who had no light in his own eyes taught them how much they had in theirs."

Lesson Hymn

Jesus! name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above!
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee. Amen.
—Hymn 32, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

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

(First Quarter, AT SCHOOL IN CENTRAL INDIA.) 1. Who are the Christian boys and girls under the care of our missionaries in India? Many of them belong to Christian families, but a large number are orphans, who came in during the famine a few years ago, chiefly from among the farming class, but many also from among the Bheels, or jungle tribes

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

We often need a lantern on a dark night, to show us the way. Much more do we need Jesus to guide us in all we say and do. And,



because He is a safe and wise Guide for all men, He is called the "Light of the World". Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS WILL DWELL IN MY HEART

Lesson II.

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 12, 1908

John 1 : 25-34. Study John 1 : 19-34—Memory Verses, 29, 30.

Golden Text—Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—
John 1 : 29.



descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was growing up in Nazareth, John the Baptist was being taught by God the message he was to deliver to God's chosen people, a message to warn them to be sorry for their sins, and to prepare to meet the long promised Messiah or Christ, whose coming was now close at hand.

At last, John began to preach, and deliver this message in the wilderness of Judea. He was clothed in a long, rough garment, made of camels' hair, with a leathern girdle about his waist. People flocked to hear him from all the cities round about, and many thought that he might be the Christ. So the great Council of the nation in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him, where he was baptizing at the river Jordan, to ask him who he really was. And he said, "I am not the Christ". Then they asked, "Art thou Elias then?" (For the Jews thought that before the coming of the Messiah, Elias, or Elijah, the prophet, would come back from the dead.)

"Neither am I Elijah", answered John,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 And I knew him not : but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit

descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

"nor am I that great Prophet of whom Moses spoke; but I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, as said Isaiah the prophet." Then they said, "What right, then, have you to baptize people, if you are neither Christ nor Elijah nor that prophet?" John did not explain his authority to them, but only went on to tell them that Christ was even now among them, though they did not know Him. And so great was He, that John did not think himself good enough to stoop down and unloose the latchet of his shoe.

The next day, as John was teaching beside the river, he suddenly saw Jesus Himself coming towards him, and he cried, saying, "Behold, here is the Messiah whom I have told you about—the Lamb of God, who is to die, that He may take away the sin of the world".

Now, some weeks before this, Jesus had come to John to be baptized. And after His baptism, as He was coming up out of

the river Jordan, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and rested upon Him, and a voice came out of heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son". John had seen all this, and it was a sign given to him that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. So now John declares, that, as he himself had baptized with water which cleanses the body, Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost who can cleanse the heart.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who sent John the Baptist with a message? 2. What was the message? 3. Where did he begin to preach? 4. How was he dressed? 5. Who came to him? 6. Who did many of the people think he might be? 7. Who sent messengers to him? 8. What did these ask? 9. How did John answer them? 10. Whom did John see coming towards him one day? 11. What did John say of Jesus? 12. How did he know who Jesus was? 13. With what had John baptized? 14. With what was Jesus to baptize? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A new little boy had come to live next door to Dal's place, and Dal wanted to go over and play with him right away. But mama wanted to find out just what sort of companion the new little boy would be. "Wait a few days, son", she said.

One day Dal came rushing in. "Oh, mama!" he cried, his eyes shining, "the new little boy is just the bestest sort!" "And how does Dal know that?" asked his mother. "Oh, I know by signs. He takes awful

good care of his baby sister, and he was kind to a lame puppy, and yesterday he was throwing a ball and he broke a window, and he went right indoors and told his father!" Mama smiled. "Those are all good signs, Dal", she said, "I think the new boy must really be just the right sort. You may ask him over to play to-morrow."

Lesson Hymn

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS TAKES AWAY MY SIN

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—66. **Which is the First Commandment?** The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." 67. **What is meant by having other gods before God?** Worshipping anything but the true God, or loving anything more than God.

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. What training is being given to these boys and girls? They receive a good school education, and careful Bible training. Some of them are being trained as teachers, others are preparing for the University, and most of them are learning some useful trade.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



The Lesson for to-day shows us the way to Jesus, our loving Saviour. Color the picture.

Lesson III.

JESUS AND HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

January 19, 1908

John 1 : 35-49. Study John 1 : 35-51—Memory Verses, 35-37.

Golden Text—We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.—John 1 : 45.



35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples ;
 36 And looking upon Je'sus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God !
 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Je'sus.
 38 Then Je'sus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye ? They said unto him, Rab'bi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou ?
 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day : for it was about the tenth hour.
 40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother.
 41 He first findeth his own brother Si'mon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messi'as, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
 42 And he brought him to Je'sus. And when Je'sus beheld him, he said, Thou art Si'mon the son of Jo'na : thou shalt be called Ce'phas, which is by interpretation, A stone.
 43 The day following Je'sus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Phil'ip, and saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now Phil'ip was of Bethsa'ida, the city of An'drew and Pe'ter.
 45 Phil'ip findeth Nathan'ael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Mo'ses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Je'sus of Naz'areth, the son of Jo'seph. 46 And Nathan'ael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Naz'areth ? Phil'ip saith unto him, Come and see. 47 Je'sus saw Nathan'ael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Is'raelite indeed, in whom is no guile ! 48 Nathan'ael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me ? Je'sus answered and said unto him, Before that Phil'ip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathan'ael answered and saith unto him, Rab'bi, thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Is'rael.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after John the Baptist had pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, to the messengers from the Jewish rulers, as John was standing talking with two of his disciples, Jesus passed by. John pointed Him out to the disciples, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God". And immediately they left John, and followed Jesus.

When Jesus heard them behind Him, He turned, and asked them what they wanted. "Master", they said, "where do you live?" Jesus was very kind and gracious to these men, who evidently wished to be with Him to learn of Him, and He invited them to come to the place where He was staying; and they remained there the rest of the day.

One of the disciples was named Andrew,

and the other was John, who wrote the Gospel from which the Lesson is taken. Andrew, after he had been with Jesus, immediately hurried away in search of his brother Simon, to tell him that they had found the Messiah. And he brought him to Jesus, and Simon, too, became a follower of Jesus, and Jesus gave him the new name of Cephas or Peter, which means "a stone". In the meantime John had gone to his brother James and brought him to Jesus.

The next day, as Jesus was starting to go into Galilee, He saw a man named Philip, who belonged to Bethsaida, the city from which Andrew and Peter had come, and him also He called to follow Him as His disciple. Philip found a friend called Nathanael, and

told him that they had found Him, of whom Moses and the prophets had written, Jesus of Nazareth. But Nathanael was very unbelieving, and said, "Can any good thing come out of so small a place as Nazareth?" "Only come and see", begged Philip.

So Nathanael went, and as he came near, Jesus said, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit". Nathanael, surprised, asked, "How do You know anything about me?" And Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig-tree". Then Nathanael saw that Jesus had power to read what was in his heart, and said, "Master, Thou art indeed the Son of God".

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom had John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God?
2. To whom was John talking the next day?
3. Who passed by, as they were talking?
4. What did John say to his disciples?
5. What did they immediately do?
6. What invitation did Jesus give them?
7. How long did they stay with Him?
8. What were the names of the two disciples?
9. Whom did Andrew bring to Jesus?
10. Who was the next person to become a disciple of Jesus?
11. How did Nathanael learn about Jesus?
12. What made him believe that Jesus was the Son of God?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Margy gave a final pat to the snow-man she was making. "My! Polly is missing it, staying in to read that stupid book. This is the best—". A jingle of bells and up the lane came grandpa in his new cutter. "Anybody ready for a sleigh drive?" he called. "I am", answered Margy, forgetting Mr. Snowman, then she stopped. "Polly 'd like to come, too, I guess,—wait"; and off she dashed. "Come on, Polly", she called up the stairs, "Grandpa's here with the cutter, and it will be much better fun if we both go."

Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,
Send the blessed tidings all the world around!
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,
'Whosoever will' may come!

'Whosoever will! whosoever will!'
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;
'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderers home:
'Whosoever will' may come! Amen.

—Hymn 457, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—68. Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

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. How is school work carried on? Schools are conducted much as in Canada, with the same general subjects. Up to the fourth book, the children are taught in Hindi, and then begin to study English. The two languages are then taught together until the pupil enters college, where English only is used.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells of a man who got an invitation to "come and see" Jesus. How glad he must have been, all his life after-

Come and see

wards, that he accepted this invitation! Now, every one of us is asked to come to Jesus, and see Him, not with the eyes of our body, but of our heart. And Jesus wants us to pass on the invitation to others, so that all may come to Him. Copy the text.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD FOLLOW JESUS

Lesson IV.

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

January 26, 1908

John 2 : 13-22—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.—Psalm 93 : 5.

13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Je'sus went up to Jeru'salem,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting :

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen ; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables ;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence ; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things ?

19 Je'sus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days ?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them ; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now it happened that the time of the Passover, one of the great Jewish Feasts was near, and Jesus went up to the holy city of Jerusalem where the feast was held. There, in the temple—God's holy house—Jesus saw something that made Him sad and angry. All the outer court or enclosure was filled with noise and confusion; and crowds of scrambling, shouting people were buying and selling oxen and sheep, to be used in sacrifices. Boys were crying doves for sale, and changers sat at small tables, giving to the people from foreign countries the Jewish coins used in paying the temple tax, in exchange for the coins they had brought from their own lands.

Jesus was greatly troubled at seeing such things going on in His Father's house, so He hastily tied together some small cords into a whip, and went up to the sellers of the oxen and sheep, and commanded them to leave the temple at once. And He drove them all, and all their sheep and oxen, out of the gates. The sellers of the doves were allowed to take their cages away, but they,

too, had to leave the temple; while the money changers fared worse : their tables were upset and they were turned out.

When His disciples saw what Jesus had done, they remembered that long ago it had been written, that God's Son would be filled with a great love for God's house and a burning desire that it should be kept holy. The rulers of the Jews could not find fault with Jesus for what He had done; but they came asking Him to tell them who He was, and to give them some sign to show them what right He had to drive the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

Jesus did not answer them directly, but said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again". The Jews mocked at Jesus' words. "This temple took forty-six years to build", they cried, "and yet you say you could raise it up again in three days !"

But Jesus was speaking of the temple of His body. The Jews had shown disrespect to the temple of God, making it a place for worldly business. So, too, they would

make light of Him, refusing to honor Him as their Saviour and King, and would in the end take away His life—kill His body. The Jews had asked a sign or miracle from Him, to show His power. They would see the proof that He was the Messiah, when His body, which they would nail to the cross, was raised from the dead on the third day. The Jews did not understand what Jesus meant at the time. Neither did the disciples. But the disciples kept the saying in their memory, and when Jesus really did rise from the dead on the third day after He had been cruelly put to death, they remembered the words which He had spoken so long before.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Which Feast of the Jews was near ?
2. Whither did Jesus go to keep the feast ?
3. What did He see in the outer court of the temple ?
4. How did He show His anger ?
5. What did the disciples remember had been written about God's Son ?
6. What did the rulers of the Jews ask of Jesus ?
7. What was Jesus' answer ?
8. What temple did the Jews think He meant ?
9. Of what temple was He really speaking ?
10. What were His enemies to do to Jesus ?
11. What was to happen three days after He was crucified ?
12. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

The trouble began by Fred Bright dropping a ball of string, as the boys stood round the stove in the classroom before Sunday School.

"Catch !" said Billy Hart, tossing it across the room. There was a wild scramble and one of the boys caught the flying ball and threw it back just as the door opened, and Miss Clark, their teacher, entered.

"Boys, boys ! have you forgotten whose house you are treating so rudely ?" "Why, it isn't Sunday School time yet", answered Billy. "No, but it is God's time and God's house, and we should reverence it."

"We never thought", they said, as they dropped quietly into their places, "but we'll remember".

Lesson Hymn

O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear !

O happy men that pay
Their constant service there !
They praise Thee still ;
And happy they
That love the way
To Zion's hill. Amen.

—Hymn 387, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—69. **What is the danger of using images or pictures in the worship of God ?** We may come to worship the image or picture instead of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 82-84.

The Question on Missions

4. How do the boys and girls compare with those in Canada ? Children in India have in most cases uneducated parents, and their home surroundings are not helpful. But they are quick to learn, imitative, and good at memorizing. They are apt at language, and many learn to read and speak English quite readily.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How strange it seems to think of Jesus being angry ! But there is one thing with which He is always angry, and that is sin.



We should be so careful to put sin far away from us, since it is so displeasing to the loving Jesus. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS WILL MAKE MY HEART PURE

Lesson V.

JESUS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD February 2, 1908

John 3 : 14-21. Study John 3 : 1-21—Memory Verses, 14-16.

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



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

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

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

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world ; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned : but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One night, while Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover, there came to Him a ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus. He had heard of Jesus' miracles and of His teaching, and wished to learn more about Him. Nicodemus chose the night time for coming to Jesus, because he did not wish his friends and companions to know about it. Besides, Jesus would then be free to talk with His visitor, after the work of the busy day was over.

Jesus and Nicodemus had a long talk together. At the beginning of the talk, Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God". Now, Nicodemus thought that Jesus meant by this, that a grown-up man must again become a little child. But what Jesus did mean was, that one's heart must be made all over again by the Holy Spirit. And He said, too, that no one can see the Spirit changing the heart, any more than he can see the wind blowing; but we know that the Holy Spirit has been at work, when we see holy and loving words and deeds coming from the heart which He has made new.

Another thing that Jesus told Nicodemus was the meaning of the Old Testament story about the Israelites who were bitten by poisonous serpents and were cured by looking at a brass serpent which God had bidden Moses lift on a pole, so that all the bitten ones might see it. "As Moses lifted up that serpent of brass", said Jesus, "so must I, the Son of Man, be lifted up on the cross, that whosoever believeth in Me may not perish, but have everlasting life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Do not think", Jesus went on to say, "that I came to the world to bring punishment upon people for their sins. I came to save them, and everyone who trusts in Me will be safe and blessed forever. But if anyone does not trust in Me, he is like a man who should turn away from the bright sunshine, to walk in the darkness. Such a man would have only himself to blame if he should run into danger. Whoever will not have Me as his Saviour, shows that he

is a wicked man, and he is sure to suffer for his wickedness."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Jesus ?
2. At what time did he come ?
3. Why did he choose the night time ?
4. What did Jesus say at the beginning of His talk with Nicodemus ?
5. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant by being born again ?
6. What did Jesus really mean ?
7. Who changes our heart ?
8. Can we see the Holy Spirit ?
9. How do we know when He has changed anyone's heart ?
10. Of what Old Testament story did Jesus tell Nicodemus the meaning ?
11. On what was Jesus to be lifted up ?
12. In whom must we trust if we are to be saved ?
13. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Harold stood quietly by Uncle John's work table in the big jewelry store and watched him as he busied himself with the many queer instruments before him.

"Oh, Uncle John, who broke these rings; they're no good at all now, are they?"

"Not as they are, laddie, but we'll see what a little patience and work will do. Next time you come perhaps I can tell better."

It was fully a week before Harold could go to see Uncle John again, but when he did go he found that the broken rings were gone.

"Did you throw them away, Uncle John?" he asked. For answer his Uncle opened a little velvet case and showed a heavy plain gold ring, bright and new looking.

"Why—why—it isn't—" O "Yes, it's the same—the bits of the broken rings made over into one. The same gold is there, only firmer and better for the melting and re-making."

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is one of the most wonderful texts in the whole Bible. It is like the bright sun

GOD IS LOVE

shining in the sky. The text is to be colored. enough to be used for these precious words.

Lesson Hymn

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

— Hymn 80, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD LOVES ME

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment? The Third Commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

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

5. What Bible training is given? Every class in school spends at least one hour a day in Bible study. In the orphanages special attention is paid to this, and extra time given to it outside of school hours. There are special classes for training Bible teachers, and these are attended by children of the higher grades.

Lesson VI.

JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA February 9, 1908

John 4 : 19-29. Study John 4 : 1-42—Memory Verses, 23, 24.

Golden Text—If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.—John 7 : 37.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain ; and ye say, that in Jeru'salem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Je'sus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet in Jeru'salem, worship the Fa'her.

22 Ye worship ye know not what : we know what we worship : for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth : for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit : and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ : when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman : yet no man said, What seekest thou ? or, then left her waterpot, and went her way into

Why talkest thou with her ? 28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did : is not this the Christ ?

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the time came for Jesus and His disciples to go back from Jerusalem and Judea to Galilee with His disciples, He decided to go by way of Samaria—which was the nearest way. Jews did not often travel to Galilee by way of Samaria for the Jews and Samaritans had long hated one another.

But Jesus had a reason for going by way of Samaria. On the way they came near the city of Sychar. Jesus, being weary with His journey, sat down beside a well some distance from the city, called Jacob's well, while His disciples went to buy food. Soon a woman carrying a pitcher, came out of the city to draw water from the well. Now this woman was a great sinner. She did not love God, and had done many things to displease Him. Jesus knew this, and, as He talked with the woman, He told her of some of the wicked things she had done.

The woman was greatly surprised, and said, "Sir, I see that Thou art a prophet". And because she thought that He could tell her, she went on to ask Him a question

which the Jews and the Samaritans had long quarreled about—the proper place to worship. "We Samaritans", she said, "have always worshiped in Mt. Gerizim (which was near by where they were), and the Jews say all men ought to worship in the temple at Jerusalem." Then Jesus said to her, "The time is soon coming when people will not be required to come to this mountain, or to go to Jerusalem to worship God. You Samaritans worship God without truly knowing Him; but the Jews truly know Him, and from amongst them will come the Saviour of the world. The true way to worship God, is to worship Him with the heart.

The woman wondered much at Jesus' words. "When the Messiah comes", she said, "He will tell us all things." "That is indeed true", answered Jesus, "for I that speak unto you now am He".

The disciples had now returned, and they wondered greatly to see Jesus talking with a despised Samaritan woman; but none of them questioned Him why He did so, for

they knew that all that Jesus did was right. But meantime the woman hurried back to the city, and said to the people, "Come, and see a man who told me all the things I ever did. He must be the Christ". Then the people came and begged Him to come into their city and teach them, and many believed on Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where had Jesus and His disciples been staying?
2. Whither did He now decide to go?
3. Through what country did they go?
4. Why did people from Judea seldom travel through Samaria?
5. Near what city of Samaria did Jesus sit down to rest?
6. Who came to draw water from the well?
7. What kind of woman was she?
8. What did Jesus tell her?
9. What did she perceive that He was?
10. About what did she ask Him?
11. What did Jesus tell her was the true way to worship God?
12. Who did Jesus at last tell the woman He was?
13. What did she say to the people of the city?
14. What did they ask of Jesus?
15. What happened during His stay?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The horses dragged weary steps across the desert. They seemed to know that there was not much to hurry on for, no juicy grass waiting them, no cool water. And in the emigrants' wagon, poor little Betty and Phil lay and panted with the heat.

"Oh, mother dear, when are we ever going to stop?" they cried. "We can't stop, for good, dears", said mother pityingly, "in a place where nothing would grow or where there was no water."

"Do you s'pose it would come any quicker if we prayed for it?" whispered Betty. And in the swaying wagon the children knelt down. And as they prayed, the wagon rocked still harder—the horses were running. "There must be water near", cried father. And soon they reached it—a well of living water in the desert. "How good God is!" the children said together.

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold, I freely give

The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live!
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him. Amen.

Hymn 138, Book of Praise.

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

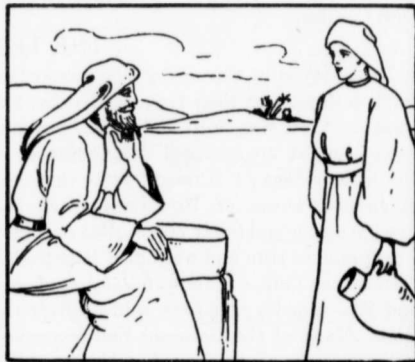
SHORTER CATECHISM—86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

The Question on Missions

6. What Christian work do the boys and girls undertake? Boys in training as Bible teachers go out for several weeks each year to assist the evangelists, who preach the gospel among the villages. Others help with evening street singing at meetings. Sometimes girls go out with a missionary or native teacher to tell the story of Jesus to the women and children of a near-by village.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How gladly we would give Jesus a drink of clear, cold water, if He were to come and ask it of us! But He does ask us to carry



the message of His love to the great crowds in heathen lands who have not yet heard it. Could anyone find a more joyful task? Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD GIVE MY HEART TO GOD

Lesson VII.

JESUS HEALS THE NOBLEMAN'S SON February 16, 1908

John 4 : 43-54—Memory Verses, 49, 50.

Golden Text—The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.—John 4 : 50.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 And as he was now going down, his

servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus stayed in the city of the Samaritans for two days, and then He and His disciples went on their way into Galilee. Jesus had been brought up amongst the Galileans, in the little village of Nazareth, but they had taken little notice of Him, because He had lived in a poor and lowly home. But now they were proud of Him and welcomed Him gladly, because the fame of His wonderful teachings and His miracles had been told all over the land. Many of the Galileans had seen some of the miracles themselves, for they had been at Jerusalem at the time of the Passover.

So Jesus came once more into the village of Cana, where, at the marriage feast, He had turned water into wine. Now, about a day's journey from Cana was the city of Capernaum; and the people there heard that the great Healer had come to Cana. In the city was a certain rich nobleman, an

officer of the king's court. He had a dearly loved son, who was sick. As soon as He heard that Jesus was in Cana, he hurried there to ask Him to come to Capernaum to heal his son who was now at the point of death.

Then Jesus said to him sadly, "None of you believe on Me, except when you see Me do these signs and wonders". But the nobleman was so filled with grief at the thought of his dying son, that he only pleaded again, "Come down with me, before my child dies."

Then Jesus said kindly, "Go home, and you will find your son quite better." And the man believed what Jesus said, and at once set out on his homeward journey.

On the way, he met some of his servants, who had been sent to tell him that his son was well again. "When did the fever leave him?" asked the father. "Yesterday

at the seventh hour", the servants answered. And the father remembered that it was just at that hour that Jesus had said, "Thy son liveth". And he and his whole household believed in Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what country did Jesus next go?
2. How was He received?
3. Why did the Galileans welcome Jesus?
4. Into what village did Jesus come?
5. What near-by city heard of Him?
6. What man came to Jesus from there?
7. What did he ask Jesus to do?
8. What answer did Jesus make?
9. What did the nobleman still plead?
10. What did Jesus tell him to do?
11. What happened on the way home?
12. When had the boy begun to get well?
13. What did the nobleman and his family do because of this miracle?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Harry and Beth and Bert were alone. Mother had been away all afternoon, and Harry came home from school with a sick headache. Beth did everything she could for him; but he just tossed about the sofa, hot and cross, and did not get any better.

"Why don't you ask Jesus to make him better?" asked little Bert. Beth hesitated. "Jesus is away up in heaven", grumbled Harry. "He's too far away to cure my head." "No, He isn't," cried Beth. "It doesn't matter about Jesus being far away. He can cure people just the same. Let's ask Him." So the two knelt down, and Harry prayed, too. Afterwards he lay very still, waiting for Jesus to cure his head, and when mother came home, she found him sleeping peacefully.

Lesson Hymn

The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer:
O, hear the voice of Jesus.

*Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
'Jesus, blessèd Jesus!' Amen.*
—Hymn 544, Book of Praise.

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." **73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath?** The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

SHORTER CATECHISM—87. 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. What opportunities are there for the work of native preachers? While there is much work which only the missionary can do, he cannot reach the people as readily as can one of themselves. The native preachers can go about at all seasons, and it is only through them that the thousands in Central India can hope to hear the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How ready Jesus was to listen to the poor father's story, and how willing He was to



heal his sick son! And He is just as ready to hear us when we tell Him our troubles, and just as willing to help us. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD TRUST JESUS

Lesson VIII. JESUS AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA February 23, 1908

John 5 : 1-9. Study John 5 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

Golden Text—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matthew 8 : 17.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked : and

on the same day was the sabbath.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus stayed a good while in Galilee, and then, as the time for one of the Jewish feasts drew near, He went up to Jerusalem. Now, close by the place called the sheep market in Jerusalem, was a famous pool of water called the Pool of Bethesda. Around it were built five covered porches, in which lay a great number of people who were sick or blind or lame. They waited there, because at times the water moved as if some one had stirred or troubled it, and it was thought that, when this happened, the water had the power of healing the diseases of those who went down and washed in it. So, about the time they expected this moving of the waters, multitudes of sick people gathered to the pool, and lay about the porches and steps, as close to it as they could get, for only those who went into the water as soon as it was stirred could be cured.

There was one man lying there, who had been sick for thirty-eight years. He was perfectly helpless. Jesus saw him, and knowing how long he had been suffering and how helpless he was, pitied him, and said, "Would you like to be made well

again?" "Yes", answered the man; "but I have no one to help me down into the pool, when the waters begin to be troubled; and while I am trying to get down to it by myself, others step in before me, and I am too late."

The man did not know that Jesus had far greater power to cure him than the waters of Bethesda, and thought that He was only speaking about the pool. Then Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk!" And the man, who had not been able to walk for nearly forty years, not only stood up and walked, but was able to carry his bed alone.

But the Jews who were standing near were angry when they saw this, because Jesus had cured the sick man on the Sabbath day; and, wishing to find fault, they said, "It is very wicked of you to carry your bed on the Sabbath". The man answered, "He that cured me told me to take up my bed and walk". "Who was it who told you to do that?" they next asked. But the man did not know who it was, for Jesus had hidden Himself in the crowd.

But some time afterwards, as the man

who had been cured was standing in the temple, Jesus came up to him and said, "It was your own sin and wrong-doing which brought your long illness upon you. See that you do not sin in such a way again, or you will be punished in a far worse way."

Questions on the Lesson

1. When did Jesus again go up to Jerusalem?
2. What famous pool was there?
3. What were built round it?
4. What kind of people lay in the porches?
5. Why were they there?
6. To which of them did Jesus speak?
7. What did He say?
8. What was the man's answer?
9. What did Jesus then tell him to do?
10. Was the man able to do this?
11. Who found fault with him?
12. Why?
13. Where did Jesus afterwards see the man?
14. What warning did He give him?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Toshi hobbled slowly along the street. His foot was swollen and aching; but his little heart was full of hope, for at last he was near the temple of the great "pain god", which the Japanese believe can cure all manner of aches and pains. If you had a sore back or sore foot, you had only, so they said, to rub the idol in the same spot, then rub your own pain, and you would be cured.

But Toshi rubbed and rubbed, first the great wooden foot of the "pain god", then his own poor aching one, but the aching never stopped. "Little boy", said a kind voice, "let me see your foot". Toshi stuck it out at once. He liked the face of this nice Englishman. "If you will come up to the hospital with me", said the stranger pityingly, "I will cure it in a few days. I am a doctor." Toshi looked at the idol which had not helped him. "Yes, I'll come," he said, happily, "I believe you."

Lesson Hymn

One there is, above all others,
 Well deserves the name of Friend;
 His is love beyond a brother's,
 Costly, free, and knows no end;
 They who once His kindness prove,
 Find it everlasting love. Amen.
 —Hymn 79, Book of Praise.

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
75. How should we spend the Lord's day? We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

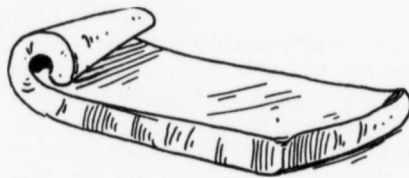
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 85-87.

The Question on Missions

8. What trades are the boys and girls learning? The boys are learning rug-making, cloth-weaving and carpentry at Rasalpura, near Mhow; carpentry and gardening at Dhar; farming and dairying at Amkbut. The girls are learning lace-making and drawn-thread work at Neemuch and Rutlam, and needlework at the widows' home in Indore.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Eastern beds are very different from ours. They are just long mats, which can be unrolled at night and rolled up again in the morning. Was it not wonderful that a word



from Jesus so strengthened the man, who had been helpless nearly forty years, that he was able to roll up and carry his own bed? And the blessed Jesus is just as able now to make us strong to do what He bids us. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESÚS IS MY LOVING FRIEND

Lesson IX.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

March 1, 1908

John 6 : 5-14. Study John 6 : 1-21—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—He shall feed his flock like a shepherd.—Isaiah 40 : 11.

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

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

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

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

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

10 And Je'sus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus and His disciples had returned from Jerusalem to Galilee. Here they had had no peace or quiet for days, for crowds of people thronged about them wherever they went, bringing their sick friends to Jesus to be cured. One day, when He had been teaching and healing at Capernaum, a city on the shores of the lake of Galilee, He said to His disciples, "Let us all go away to some lonely place, to rest awhile." But no sooner did the people see Jesus and His disciples stepping into a boat to cross over to the other side of the Lake of Galilee, than they hurried away around the shores of the lake to reach the same place.

When Jesus came to the place where He had intended to rest, He looked up and saw the people already gathered in thousands to meet Him. He was very weary; but His pitiful heart could not turn these sick and suffering people away: all day long He healed and taught them. At last night was coming on, and the people were tired and

hungry, and yet they were far from any place where they could buy bread.

"Where can we get something for this great crowd to eat?" asked Jesus of Philip. He Himself knew what He would do; but He wished to see if His disciples had faith in Him. "Why, Master", answered Philip in astonishment, "even if we had the money, thirty dollars worth of bread would hardly give each one a little." "There is a boy here," said Andrew, "who has a basket with five barley loaves and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" "Bring them to Me", commanded Jesus, "and tell the people to sit down on the grass." So they all sat down in rows, a great company of five thousand men, and many women and children besides.

And Jesus took the bread and the fishes, and when He had asked God's blessing upon the food, He handed it to His disciples, and they passed it round to the people. And although the people were so many,

and there was so little food, at the beginning, every one had more than enough; for when they had finished, and Jesus told the disciples to gather up the fragments, they found there were twelve baskets full, which was very much more than there had been at the first.

Then all the people who had seen the miracle were filled with astonishment, and cried, "This must indeed be the long-promised Messiah". And they immediately began to talk of making Him their king and leader. But Jesus, to escape them, went hurriedly away to a secret place in the mountains.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus propose to His disciples? 2. Why did they all need rest? 3. What did the people do when Jesus departed? 4. What did Jesus do when He saw the people? 5. Of what were the people in need when night came? 6. To whom did Jesus speak about getting food for them? 7. What was Philip's answer? 8. Who told Jesus of a boy who had some food? 9. What command did Jesus give? 10. How many sat down? 11. What did Jesus do with the food? 12. How was it proved there was enough food? 13. What did the people wish to do to Jesus? 14. Where did He escape to? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once, after there had been a great battle, some of the soldiers were fleeing from their enemies, and very soon they lost their way. Now, they had with them a little instrument called a compass, with a needle always pointing to the north, which would have shown them where to go, only it was so dark they could not see the needle. They did not dare carry a light, for fear the enemy would see it and follow them.

When they were greatly puzzled to know what to do, one of the men noticed a little glow worm shining in the grass. He picked it up and put it on the compass, and there was just light enough to show in which direction the needle pointed. Then the men knew which way they ought to go, and hurrying on as fast as they could, they soon were out of reach of their foes. The little glow worm, which no one would think big

enough to be of any use to anybody, had saved the lives of a number of men.

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see! Amen.

—Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—76. Why should we go to a place of worship on the Lord's day? Because God's Word tells us that we should, and because it helps us to be good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 82-87.

The Question on Missions

9. What methods are used in Industrial training? Training schools have been opened in the orphanages, where trades are taught by skilled native teachers under the direction of the missionary. The course of training is divided into grades, each one of which the pupil must pass before he can enter the next higher. The highest grades receive pay for the work done.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

It must indeed have been a proud and happy boy whose basket of food was used to



feed the five thousand. Proud and happy we should be, too, that Jesus asks us to help in the work of carrying His blessed gospel to all the people in our own land, and to those in heathen lands. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SHARE MY BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

Lesson X.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

March 8, 1908

John 6 : 26-37. Study John 6 : 22-51—Memory Verses, 32, 33.

Golden Text—Jesus said unto them. I am the bread of life—John 6 : 35.

26 Je'sus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you : for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God ?

29 Je'sus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee ? what dost thou work ?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert ; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Je'sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Mo'ses gave you not that bread from heaven ; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the

world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Je'sus said unto them, I am the bread of life : he that cometh to me shall never hunger ; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me ; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after the feeding of the five thousand, the people found that neither Jesus nor His disciples were with them on that side of the Sea of Galilee. For the disciples had crossed the night before in a boat, and Jesus had followed them, walking on the sea. So the multitude entered into boats, also, and crossed over to the city of Capernaum, looking for Jesus. When they had found Him, they asked curiously, "Master, when and how did you cross over the sea ?"

Jesus knew that they had not followed Him because they thought He was the Messiah and wished to hear more of His teachings, but because they had been fed by a miracle, and hoped that perhaps more of their bodily wants would be supplied by Him again in the same way. So He said to them, "Do not be over anxious about your daily food, which cannot last, but strive to get from Me spiritual food, which will give you everlasting life."

"But", they said, "what good works must we do to please God?" "Only", answered Jesus, "believe in Me", whom the heavenly Father has sent into the world." "How can we know that God has sent you into the world?" they next asked. "Show us a sign that you are the Messiah. Moses gave our fathers bread in the wilderness, and that was the sign that God was with them."

"It was not Moses, but God Himself, who gave the manna in the wilderness", Jesus answered. "Yet that was not the true bread of heaven. God alone can give you that bread which giveth life unto the world." "Master", many of them cried (not yet understanding what Jesus meant), "give us always this bread". Then Jesus said, "I Myself am the Bread of life; he that comes to Me shall never hunger, and he that believes on Me shall never thirst". For Jesus was speaking, not of bread needed for the body,

but of bread needed for the soul. Their bread was His words and teachings, which would nourish the soul.

"But", Jesus went on to say, "I have explained all these things to you, and you have seen the miracles which I have done, and yet you do not believe. Only My Father in heaven can give you faith to believe, and whoever comes to Me in faith, I will not turn away."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the multitude go when they found Jesus had departed? 2. What did they ask when they found Him? 3. Why had they followed Him? 4. What did Jesus tell them they should strive for? 5. What question did they ask Jesus? 6. What did He say they must do? 7. What did they ask Jesus to show them? 8. Who alone could give them the bread from heaven? 9. What did they then ask? 10. Who, did Jesus say, was the Bread of life? 11. For what was this Bread needed? 12. Who makes us able to believe in Jesus? 13. What does He promise to all who come to Him? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Jack was cold and hungry as he set down the heavy basket of clothes he was delivering and blew on his little fingers. "I hope its Miss Hattie 'stead of Miss Frances", he said, "'cause she always smiles and sometimes gives me cake." But the smile on his own little face faded as the door was opened by stern Miss Frances.

"Who'll help me eat these cakes?" called a merry voice, and Miss Hattie smiled at him from a big arm chair. "I'm just looking for a boy to fill up my Mission Class. Won't

you come?" Jack nodded, too happy almost to speak.

There was cake at the Mission Class, too, but best of all were the lessons told in Miss Hattie's simple way that helped Jack to know and love Jesus.

Lesson Hymn

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah!
 Pilgrim through this barren land!
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
 Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
 Bread of heaven,
 Feed me now and evermore. Amen.
 —Hymn 317, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS WILL GIVE ME ALL I
 NEED

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—77. What example did Jesus give us in this matter? It was His custom to go to the place of worship on the Sabbath Day. 78. For what purpose do we go to the house of God? We go to worship God with His people.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-10.

The Question on Missions

10. Why should Industrial training be undertaken by our church? For three reasons. (1) To provide employment for native Christians who have no other means of living. (2) To make them self-supporting, so that they may send the gospel to others. (3) To show the people of India that Christianity brings material as well as spiritual blessing.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The teachings of Jesus will make our souls strong, just as good food gives strength to our bodies. Copy the text.

I am the Bread of Life

Lesson XI.

JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

March 15, 1908

John 9 : 1-12. Study John, ch. 9—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he ? He said, I know not.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In this Lesson Jesus is again in Jerusalem. One day, as He was leaving the temple with His disciples, they passed a man who had been born blind. His disciples asked Jesus about the man. "Master", they said, "we have been taught that children are born blind or lame because of some sin of their own or of their parents. Now, whose sin was it that caused this man to be born blind ?"

"This man's blindness", replied Jesus "has been caused by no sin of his own or of his parents, but it has happened, so that all men might see this day how great and wonderful are the works of God. It is to heal sufferers such as he, that I must use that wonderful power which God has given me. And I must do God's work even on this day, although it be the Sabbath. I am like one who cannot leave his task till the night comes when no man can work. The night is coming soon to Me, when I shall cease from all such

labors, as a workman does at the close of the day. As long as I am in the world I must be the Light of men, so that none may be left to walk in darkness."

Then Jesus stooped down to the ground and made clay of the dust. With this He touched the eyes of the blind man, and said, "Go now, and wash it off in the Pool of Siloam". The man had such faith in Jesus, that he went immediately, and as soon as he had washed he could see.

None of his neighbors could believe that a man who had been born blind could ever be made to see, and they began to dispute amongst themselves whether this could really be the same person.

"Yes, I am the one who was born blind", insisted the man. "How did you get your sight then ?" asked a number at once. And when the man had told them how it had been done, they asked, "Where is this Jesus ?" But the man could not tell them.

Then the rulers of the people came together to decide what they should do to Jesus for thus breaking the Sabbath day. They said that He could not be the Son of God, as He claimed to be, if He did such wickedness. But many of the people, and, amongst them, the man himself, believed in Jesus, because only the Son of God could have done such a wonderful thing as to give sight to a man who had been born blind.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what city had Jesus again come ?
2. Whom did He pass on His way from the temple ?
3. What question did His disciples ask ?
4. Why did Jesus say this man had been born blind ?
5. How, did Jesus say, He must use the power which God had given Him ?
6. To whom did Jesus liken Himself ?
7. What did Jesus say He must be in the world ?
8. What did Jesus do to the blind man ?
9. What did He tell him to do ?
10. What happened then ?
11. What dispute arose amongst the man's neighbors ?
12. What question did they ask him ?
13. What did the rulers do ?
14. Why did many of the people believe in Jesus ?
15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"I'm going blind", said poor Mrs. Smith, vainly trying to thread a needle. "She's going blind", said her friends, watching her groping her way about. But the great eye doctor at the hospital said, "It is only a film growing over her eyes, which I can remove some day, but not until it has grown quite over. When you cannot see at all, come back and I will cure you."

"Let myself grow blind without trying to stop it!" cried Mrs. Smith. "That is the only way", said the doctor firmly; "have patience and faith, and some day you will see as well as ever". The little woman needed much of both patience and faith, as she slowly grew quite blind. But one glad day the doctor put her to sleep, and cut away the blinding film, and she could see once more.

Lesson Hymn

Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,

Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind

Let there be light! Amen.

—Hymn 438, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—79. How do we worship God when we go to His house ?
We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 11-19.

The Question on Missions

11. Where do those trained in our Industrial schools find employment ? Christian workmen cannot get much work from the people round about them. They are forced to seek work in large cities, under non-Christian employers, where they are under evil influences, and compelled to work on Sunday. Thus the Mission has to employ as well as train them.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

If we were blind, and some skilful doctor made us see once more, how thankful we



should be ! We ought to be just as grateful, if we have never been blind, for the sight God has given us, that we may enjoy all the beautiful things about us. *Color or copy the picture.*

I Have Learned Today
THAT JESUS IS MY GUIDE

Lesson XII.

REVIEW

March 22, 1908

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

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. (As the Quarterly Review of the Lessons comes one Sabbath in advance this Quarter, the Review of the Supplemental Lessons will be given with Lesson XIII. for next Sabbath.)

The King's Son

The Lessons for the Quarter are all about a King's Son. The King is God, and His Son is the blessed Jesus.

In Lesson I., we are told about the King's Son coming into the world. Sad to say, most of the people in the world did not welcome or honor Him. But some did give Him their hearts. What did He give these the right to become ?

Lesson II. shows us a man, with long hair and beard, and clothed in rough, hairy garments, pointing to Jesus and telling others that this is the One that can take away sins. Who was the man who pointed to Jesus ?

Look ! In Lesson III., two men follow Jesus to where he was staying, and, after talking with Him for a while, they go and bring two others. Now Jesus, with the four men, goes on a journey, and, on the way, two others are added to the company. Can you tell the names of all these men who came to Jesus ?

Do you think that the kind and loving Jesus could ever be stern and angry ? In Lesson IV., He is driving out of God's holy temple some people who were doing wrong. It is only with wickedness that Jesus is angry. What were these people doing in the temple ? And what did Jesus take to drive them out ?

Here, in Lesson V., Jesus is talking with a visitor, who came by night. He tells him how he and all men can be saved. What was the visitor's name ? What must we do to be saved ?

In Lesson VI., we see Jesus sitting by a well and talking to a woman. He tells her how God is to be worshiped. How should we worship God ?

Lesson VII. tells us about Jesus' healing a sick boy. Where was the boy's home ? And where was Jesus when He healed him ?

Another healing is told of in Lesson VIII. This time it is at a pool. Give its name. How long had the healed one been sick ?

It is a wonderful picture we have in Lesson IX. Thousands of people are seated on a hillside, and Jesus is feeding them. Where did He get the food ? Who distributed it ?

Jesus calls Himself by a beautiful name in the Golden Text of Lesson X. What is this name ?

What a sad sight we have in Lesson XI. ! That poor man has been blind ever since he was born. What did Jesus do to the man's eyes ? What did He tell the man to do ? And what was the result ?

Surely we have learned enough about the King's Son to make us love Him with all our hearts. Lesson XIII. is the Special Quarterly Temperance Lesson.

Lesson Hymn

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
' May Jesus Christ be praised !'
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair ;
' May Jesus Christ be praised !' Amen.

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship ? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 20-29.

The Question on Missions

13. State some results of our Industrial work. Many of those in training have already become skilled workmen, and are doing such satisfactory work that the demand for it cannot be met in the present workshops. It is now proposed to enlarge these, to make room for more workers, and so provide for the growing demand.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT STRONG DRINK IS DANGEROUS

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 Word Made Flesh.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Jesus and John the Baptist.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Jesus and His First Disciples.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Jesus Cleanses the Temple.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Jesus the Bread of Life.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Jesus the Saviour of the World.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Jesus and the Woman of Samaria.</p>	<p>LESSON XIII. Temperance Lesson.</p>

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

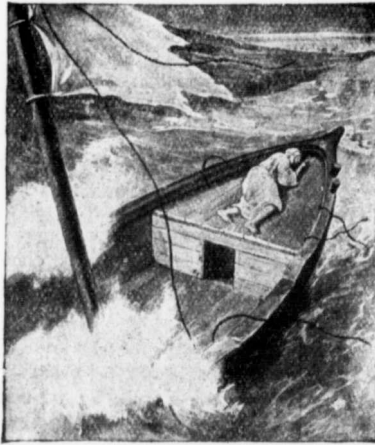
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BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 65-80. SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 30-38. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN, 576, BOOK OF PRAISE. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

Proverbs 23 : 29-35—Memory Verse, 31.

Golden Text—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Proverbs 23 : 32.



THE LESSON RETOLD

King Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. He wrote a book filled with wise sayings, called proverbs. This Book of Proverbs is now a part of the Old Testament. These wise sayings are full of instruction, and full of warning, as well, against everything that is evil. And many, many times Solomon warns men specially against one of the worst evils—the sin of drunkenness. In one place he gives a terrible description of a drunkard returning home after spending a night feasting and drinking with evil companions.

He tells how the poison in the strong drink had taken away all the man's senses, and all his knowledge of what he was doing. He had been knocked and buffeted without being able to protect himself, until he was covered with wounds and bruises, and his eyes were swollen and red, and, altogether, he felt very sick and unhappy.

29 Who hath woe ? who hath sorrow ? who hath contentions ? who hath babbling ? who hath wounds without cause ? who hath redness of eyes ?

30 They that tarry long at the wine ; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and I was not sick ; they have beaten me, and I felt it not : when shall I awake ? I will seek it yet again.*

And yet, strange to say, he would not be warned against his evil ways : his love for wine had become such a habit that it had made him a slave to it, and so he went on drinking it and caring for it more and more.

“ But at last ”, said Solomon, “ this beautiful wine that looks so rich and red and sparkling in the glass, biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.” Serpents and adders were two of the most dreaded reptiles of that Eastern country. They often darted out from hidden and unexpected places, and attacked people who had no thought of danger, and the bite of each was poisonous and deadly. So was it with wine. The constant drinking of it, would at first seem harmless. But before a man was aware of it, it would cause his destruction and death.

And drunkenness brings other sins with it. It takes away one's love of what is good and right and his love of truth, until nobody will believe in his word, nor respect him. And Solomon said that it was just as senseless and as dangerous for a man to allow himself to come into such a condition, as for him to try to lie down on the crest of a wave,

or on the top of a ship's tall mast. In any of these cases, he was almost certain to meet death, or at least, to be badly hurt.

And again, no man who drank wine, could ever keep his own respect, or that of his friends. For when his senses were benumbed by drink, he would often do such foolish and senseless things as would have made him feel thoroughly ashamed, had he known of them, and had not the terrible drink blinded his eyes and deadened his feelings.

Surely it was wise counsel that King Solomon gave, when he said, "Look not thou upon the wine". We are sure of being safe from the drunkard's woes, only when we have nothing to do with the drink that causes them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the wisest man that ever lived?
2. What book did he write? 3. What two things may we find in these wise sayings?
4. Against what special sin did Solomon warn men? 5. What terrible description does he give of the drunkard's appearance and behavior? 6. Why did the man still go on drinking? 7. To what two poisonous reptiles was the sin of drunkenness compared? 8. Why is the habit of drinking like them? 9. What other sins did drunkenness cause? 10. To what two foolish acts did Solomon compare drunkenness?
11. How does the drunkard lose the respect of himself and his friends? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Georgie looked longingly up into the apple tree. "Why, there's a red, red apple!" he cried. "Where?" asked Isabel eagerly.

"Why, Georgie Porgie, the red spot's no bigger'n a pea!" "Don't care!" said Georgie, pulling down the branch, "it's ripe enough to eat. Mother said 'twas only the green ones that would hurt us." "Well, she'd call that green,—go and ask her if she wouldn't."

"Guess I know myself", said Georgie, taking a big, juicy bite. It was so nice, he soon found another, and still another, "ripe" apple; so when tea-time came, he wasn't hungry at all. "Dunno what makes me feel so queer, an'—an'—horrid!" he wailed.

"I know", said mother, quietly. "And I'm afraid my little boy is just learning by sad experience, that to eat or drink things that are hurtful, merely because they seem nice and pleasant at the time, brings its own punishment, in the end." "Well, I won't do it again in a hurry!" announced Georgie firmly.

Lesson Hymn

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

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you:
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through. Amen.*
—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS GIVES JOY WHEREVER
HE GOES

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

There is one sure way of keeping out of all evil ways and walking in ways that are safe and happy. It is to follow Jesus. Copy the text.

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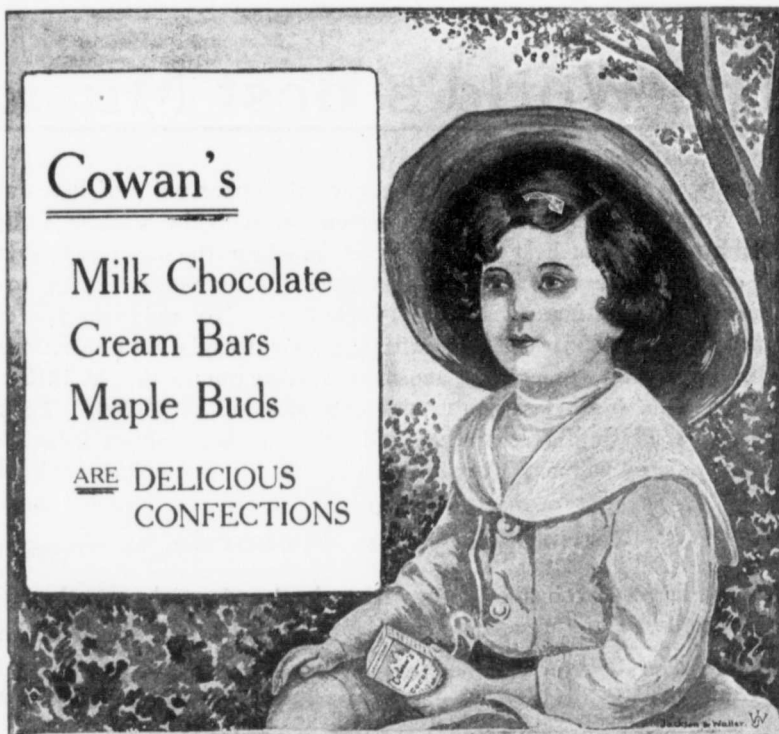
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