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"Happy hearts and happy faces,
Happy play in grassy places,
That was how in ancient ages
Children grew to kings and sages."

July, August and September are the hot months. Trying they are to mothers and teachers of the little ones. They are no less trying to the little ones themselves.

"Not too much at a time," is a good rule. The thoughts of the children are as restless and nimble as the little birds that go hopping from branch to branch, never still for an instant. We must catch them on the wing; a single text or verse, the light touch that makes a story memorable, the little word of counsel dropped, as you drop a seed into the ground, leaving it to the care of the God who alone can give the increase.

Much singing is in order. That is one thing of which children seldom tire. It is a hot day, indeed, that can quench the fountains of song. In the Order of Service (p.96) more hymns than usual are suggested, and on page 67 a "Finger Exercise" is given. It is so simple that anyone can show the little ones how to do it. They will learn it quickly, and it will be a constant delight to them to repeat. One dear little girl often drops knife and fork in the middle of dinner and says "I know it," and then repeats with the greatest enthusiasm—as if it were for the very first time—
"I am going to have my two little hands
Help me to remember my Saviour's commands—"
and so on, right through to the end.

And in September is CHILDREN'S DAY. Beautiful as your flower gardens are, there is no flower garden in all the land so charming as those sweet, glowing upturned faces—what a crowd of them, when the whole school is massed together, and they look eagerly into the face of the minister on that day. Perhaps he is a dear old man with silvery hair. The children think of how beautiful he looks. Some of them have learned the verse, "A hoary head is a crown of righteousness." They wonder whether the "crown of glory" will be any more beautiful. And the minister, for his part, thinks there is nothing on earth to compare for sweetness with the lambs of his flock. Like the Good Shepherd Himself, he says, "Forbid them not"—let them come to the Saviour with their hearts, and their songs, and their gifts. The children's gifts on CHILDREN'S DAY—many of them have been "laying up" for months past, in the Souvenir Century Fund Boxes—will be not the least memorable part of the service.

God's Diamonds

It is certain that children frequently take note of and are moved by the wonders of nature when they voice no hint of it, and we fancy them quite indifferent to the beauties before them. We do not appreciate how tender their emotions are, even when they try to express themselves in words. The starry heavens make a profound impression on many child natures.

"Oh, mama, see those beautiful diamonds!" exclaimed a five-year-old one August evening as he looked at the sky. He

lingered long at the windows, gazing with delight at the heavens. At last, when called to say his "Now I lay me," to the God who made the stars, he said gently: "Yes, and, mama, before we finish we must say 'thank you' to God for making those stars." This was a surprising speech from a boy who had demurred stoutly on the single occasion when an extra petition had been suggested for his prayer, saying: "No, *that* does not belong to my prayer!" A few evening later, being again awake until starlight, he exclaimed: "There are those beautiful diamonds coming out again; could anyone count them, mama?" Then, after a pause, "we must not forget to thank God for them." It was not quite time yet for his prayers, and standing there under the stars, the childish voice was raised in a natural chant: "We thank Thee-oh-God for making the beau-ti-ful stars!" Could there have been a purer, more spontaneous bit of worship?

Said another little lad, in reverent, awed tone, looking skyward: "Just think, Aunt Faith, there is nobody in the whole world who can count them!" This little man had committed to memory Addison's matchless "Creation." It was a summer holiday task, and many were the sighs and groans uttered before it could be repeated faultlessly. The next summer I chanced to be along one evening when the stars twinkled one by one into the twilight sky.

As we walked along, a turn in the lane brought us face to face with the rising moon. The beauty of the night had made us all silent, but as we saw the moon, the youngest of the party, struck by the exact description of the scene, burst forth with outstretched hand:

"Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;

Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole."

I thought my nephew something of a martyr when he had to learn that poem, but now as he saw the perfection and beauty of its description and recited it so eloquently, I admired the wisdom which had imposed such a task.

Trained Motherhood

The Mother's Hour

By Margaret E. Sangster.

Little figures robed in white,
Mellow glow of candle light.

Little hands upraised in prayer,
Roses sweet and fair.

All the work and play and fun
For the happy day are done.

All the little faults confessed,
All the troubles set at rest.

Childhood sweet as dawn and flowers
Drifts through many changeful hours.

But one hour, the mother's own,
Must belong to her alone.

When she sees each sunny head
Safe and cosy in its bed.

When the world may do its worst,
God and she have had them first.

And her bairns are folded fair
In the tender Shepherd's care.

Angels bend above the room,
Where the dimpled darlings bloom.

In their lovely innocence,
Warding every evil hence
From the little ones who dwell
Where the mother guards them well.

God and she about them stand,
They are safe on every hand.

Kneeling for them at the throne,
They are her's and God's alone.

And each child, a tender flower,
Blossoms in the mother's hour.

—Harper's Bazar

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This Quarter's Lessons

"O, what can little hands do
To please the King of Heaven?"

The little hands some work may try
To help the poor in misery;
Such grace to mine be given."

So the Lesson Hymn for the Quarter begins. The lessons are thirteen in number, and each one having something to say about Christ's Workers.

The GOLDEN TEXT for the Quarter is

"BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY."

and in the several lessons we have—

1. The Worker's Master, Matt. 14 : 22-33.
2. The Worker's Support, John 6 : 22-40.
3. The Worker's Helper, Mark 7 : 24-30.
4. The Worker's Burden, Matt. 16 : 13-26.
5. The Worker's Orders, Luke 9 : 28-36.
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7. The Worker's Spirit, Matt. 18 : 21-35.
8. The Worker's Testimony, John 9 : 1-17.
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Finger Exercise

(For little ones at home or in the Primary Class)

I'm going to have my two little hands
Help me remember the Saviour's commands.

(Raise hands.)

There's "Pray without ceasing";

(Point to thumb of left hand.)

And "Come unto Me"; (First finger.)

And "Love one another, as I have loved thee." (Second finger.)

There's "Let your light shine"; (Third.)

"Remember the poor"; (Fourth.)

"Be patient"; (Right thumb.) "Be holy"; (First finger.)

"Be gentle; (Second) and Pure." (Third.)

"Let no man deceive you"; (Fourth.)

The Bible is true, (Hands open in the form of a book.)

These words were all written for me and for you. (Point.)

Dear Saviour, may these little hands always be

Used in a way that is pleasing to Thee.
(Hands folded.)

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Lesson I. ✓

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA

July 1, 1900

Matt. 14: 22-33—Memory Verses, 25, 27

Golden Text—Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matt. 14: 33.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Je'sus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Miss Violet Robinson
 THE LESSON RETOLD

While the crowds of people whom Jesus had fed by a miracle were still waiting about on the hillside, He said to His disciples, "Get into your boat quickly and row across the lake. I will stay here and send these people away."

When they were all gone, Jesus walked away to a quiet part of the mountain to spend the night in prayer to His Heavenly Father.

The disciples had gone only a short distance, when a great storm came on. They were strong fishermen and pulled hard at the oars, but the wind was against them and

22 And straightway Je'sus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Je'sus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Je'sus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Pe'ter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Pe'ter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Je'sus.

they lost their way. The great waves tossed their little boat all night and the water came splashing over the side, until they felt sure they must all be drowned.

Jesus knew they were in trouble and came walking across the dark water to help them. But the disciples did not know Him. They began to cry out, thinking it was a spirit that they saw. But Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

As soon as Peter heard his Master's voice, he thought he could walk on the water, too, and asked if he might try. Jesus answered, "Come."

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Peter sprang over the side of the boat and walked on the water to go to Jesus. When he had taken a few steps he began to think of the danger. He was afraid when he saw the angry waves. At once he began to sink and cried out in terror, "Lord, save me." Then Jesus put out His hand and caught him just in time.

Jesus said to Peter, "Why were you afraid? You have not enough faith."

Then Jesus and Peter got into the boat, and suddenly the wind and stormy waves grew quiet and still; and the disciples worshipped Jesus, saying, "Now we are certain that thou art the Son of God." They were glad because He was with them again.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Miss Violet Roberts

1. Where did Jesus go after He had fed the people? Ans. Into a mountain to pray.
 2. Where were the disciples? Ans. Out on the stormy lake.
 3. Who came walking to them on the water? Ans. Jesus.
 4. Did they know Him? Ans. No; they thought it was a spirit.
 5. What did Jesus say? Ans. It is I; be not afraid.
 6. Why could

not Peter walk on the water, too? Ans. He forgot to trust in Jesus.
 7. When Jesus had saved Peter's life and come into the boat, what happened? Ans. The storm ceased and the disciples worshipped Jesus.
 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Of a truth thou art the Son of God. How did the disciples feel? Ans. Very glad.

Harry's Lesson

Miss Violet Roberts

Harry and Baby Will were spending their summer holidays at Uncle Tom's farm. The first morning was spent in visiting the barn, where Uncle Tom had put up a new swing. In the afternoon Harry went with two older cousins to a raspberry patch on the next farm. On the way they came to a creek. It was wide and deep. There was only a narrow log to cross on. Will and Frank were soon over. Harry felt sure he could

do it, too. He got as far as the middle of the log. Then something stopped him. How black the water looked! He turned dizzy. Just then he heard Will shout, "Look at me, youngster!" That saved him, and keeping his eye on Will, he got safely to the end of the log, where his kind-hearted cousin was waiting to pull him up the bank.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus is the Son of God



Primary Catechism — 97. What is prayer?

Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking him for his goodness.

Shorter Catechism—28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Lesson Hymn

Fierce was the wild billow,
 Dark was the night;
 Oars labored heavily,
 Foam glimmered white;
 Trembled the mariners,
 Peril was nigh:
 Then said the God of gods,
 'Peace! It is I.'

Amen.

—Hymn 492, Book of Praise

Lesson II.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

July 8, 1900

John 6 : 22-40—Memory Verses, 35-37

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

22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Je'sus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone ;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tib'erias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks :)

24 When the people therefore saw that Je'sus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Je'sus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rab'bi when camest thou hither ?

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.

[The lesson also embraces vs. 36-40.]

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Je'sus had sent the people home after He had fed them, a good many of them stayed near the place all night to see where Jesus would go in the morning.

While they were asleep, Jesus had walked on the stormy water to save His disciples,

and had gone on with the disciples to Capernaum.

The next day He was busy teaching in the synagogue, when these people came in.

"Sir, how did you get home?" they asked.

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But Jesus did not tell them. He knew why they were looking for Him. He said, "You have come not to learn about God, but because you are greedy and liked the bread and fish you got yesterday."

He then said, "There is another kind of food that is much more worth working for, but you cannot see it with your eyes nor taste it. It is called "the bread of life." This bread lasts forever. My Father has sent Me to give it to you."

Then the people asked, "What kind of work must we do to get this bread?" Jesus answered, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Me whom He hath sent." But, said the people, "Show us some sign or miracle to prove what you say. When

Moses was here he did many wonderful things. He, too, gave us bread from heaven. It was called manna. Our fathers have often told us about it."

Jesus said, "Moses did not give you that food of himself. It was sent by my Father, and He is willing now to give you the true bread, of which that food was only the picture."

Then said the people, "Give us this bread." Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. He shall have everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day. All that the Father giveth me shall come, and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where did the men who were looking for Jesus find Him? Ans. Teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 2. What had they seen the day before? Ans. The miracle of the loaves and fishes. 3. What was Jesus preaching about to-day? Ans. The bread of life. 4. How did Jesus say they could have it? Ans. By believing that He was the Son of God. 5. Did the people believe Jesus? Ans. No, they asked to see more miracles. 6. What did Jesus tell them instead? Ans. Him that cometh unto me I will never cast out. 7. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. 8. Does this bread satisfy those who eat of it? Ans. Yes.

He Cares for Me

If He hears the raven's cry,
If His ever watchful eye
Marks the sparrows when they fall,
Surely He will hear my call.

He will teach me how to live,
All my sinful thoughts forgive;
Pure in heart I still would be—
Let my Saviour dwell in me.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I may feed on the Bread of Life

Primary Catechism—98. To whom should we pray?

We should pray to God only.

99. May we pray to Jesus Christ?

Yes; because Jesus Christ is God.

100. May we pray to the Holy Spirit?

Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

Shorter Catechism—29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Lesson Hymn

Now is the accepted time,
The Gospel bids you come;
And every promise of His word
Declares there yet is room.

Lord, draw reluctant souls
To seek a Father's love!
Then shall attendant angels bear
The joyful news above.

Amen.

—Hymn 135, Book of Praise

Lesson III.

THE GENTILE WOMAN'S FAITH

July 15, 1900

Mark 7 : 24-30—Memory Verses, 27-30

Golden Text—Lord, help me.—Matt. 15 : 25.



24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Si'don, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.

25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

26 The woman was a Greek, a Sy'rophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Je'sus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was preaching about the bread of life the Pharisees watched to see if He and His disciples washed their hands before eating. The scribes and Pharisees were very careful to keep all such rules and were angry at Jesus when He said that God could not be pleased in this way. They found so much fault that very soon Jesus went away with His disciples to another part of the country, where they could rest and talk quietly together.

Here the people were not Jews but heathen. They were called Gentiles.

There was a poor heathen woman living near who had a little daughter that was ill with a terrible sickness. She had an evil spirit. This heathen mother had heard strange stories of Jesus' wonderful cures in His own country; so she came and fell at

His feet, begging help for her little daughter.

The disciples said, "Send the woman away. She is making too much noise." But Jesus would not send her away, though He did not answer her at once. He wanted to see if she was really in earnest and believed He could help her. Now, the Jews were God's own people. He called them His children. Jesus said to the woman, "I must first help my own people. Supposing the children were hungry, it would not do to take away their food and throw it to the dogs." "Oh no," said the mother, "but often the little dogs under the table are glad to get the crumbs and pieces that fall from the children's hands."

Jesus was pleased with her answer, because it showed great trust and meekness. Then He said, "Go away home. Because of

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Lesson I

your faith your daughter is well. The evil spirit has gone out of her."

When she got to her house, the woman

found it all true that Jesus had said. The little girl was perfectly well and resting quietly on the bed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did Jesus take His disciples away to a quiet place? Ans. Because the scribes and Pharisees were making trouble. 2. What did they want to make Jesus and the disciples do? Ans. Keep their strict rules. 3. Who found out where Jesus was staying? Ans. A heathen woman whose daughter had an evil spirit. 4. Who wanted to get rid of her? Ans. The disciples. 5. Why did Jesus not help her at once? Ans. He wanted to see if she was in earnest. 6. Why

did Jesus say He must help Jews before heathen? Ans. They were His own people. 7. What did the heathen woman then beg for? Ans. The crumbs that might be given to dogs. 8. Was Jesus pleased with her? Ans. Yes, He said "Go home, your daughter is well." 9. What did she find? Ans. Her daughter quite well. 10. Why did Jesus help her? Ans. Because she showed such trust in Him. 11. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Lord help me.

Sammy's Faith

"Time for bed, my boy," said father, one evening when they were sitting out-doors.

"Papa," said Sam, "God would be certain to take care of me even out here, wouldn't He?"

"Why, of course."

"Then I want to sleep in the hammock to-night."

They could not refuse to let him put his Heavenly Father to the proof, but many

times that night Papa stole to the window, and looked out at the bundle in the hammock.

Once some dogs tore growling through the yard, but no sound from Sam. In the morning mamma said, "Did you hear the dogs, Sammy?"

"Yes, I heard 'em" answered the little man of faith, "but 'course I knew God wasn't afraid of dogs."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

The Lord is my Helper



Primary Catechism—101. For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers?

We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Son.

Shorter Catechism—30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Lesson Hymn

O help us, Lord! each hour of need
Thy heavenly succor give;
Help us in thought and word and deed
Each hour on earth we live.

O help us, Jesus, from on high;
We know no help but Thee:
O help us so to live and die,
As Thine in Heaven to be.

Amen.

—Hymn 394, Book of Praise

Lesson IV. **PETER'S CONFESSION AND CHRIST'S REBUKE** July 22, 1900

Matt. 16 : 13-26—Memory Verses, 24-26

Golden Text—If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.—Matt. 16 : 24.



13 When Je'sus came into the coasts of Caesare'a Philipp'i, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Bap'tist: some, Eli'as; and others, Jeremi'as, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Si'mon Pe'ter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Je'sus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Si'mon Bar'jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Pe'ter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples

that they should tell no man that he was Je'sus the Christ.

21 From that time forth began Je'sus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jeru'salem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Pe'ter, Get thee behind me, Sa'tan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went from one town to another working miracles, He often taught the disciples many things by the way.

Once, when they were walking together, Jesus stopped. "Tell me," He said, "whom do the people say that I am?" The disciples answered, "Some say that you are

John the Baptist, others, that you are a prophet like Elijah or Jeremiah." Jesus said, "But whom do you think I am?" Then Peter answered quickly, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus was glad that Peter knew the truth about Him and said, "You are blessed,

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Peter, for you have learned this from God Himself." Then Jesus spoke to Peter about the beginning of His Church and how, in time to come, people would remember that he was the disciple who first confessed that Jesus was the Son of God.

But Jesus warned the disciples against foolish boasting. He said, "Do not go about telling everybody who your Master is. At present it would only do harm." Then He began to speak of His work as the Saviour. Some of His friends would have liked to make Him an earthly king, but Jesus told them how, instead, He must suffer and die for the sins of the world. Peter, whose words sounded so brave a

moment before, could not bear to hear Jesus speak of dying. He interrupted, saying, "Lord that would never do. It would be a great calamity." Then Jesus reproved Peter sternly, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou art not on God's side, but on man's."

Jesus then told the disciples plain y that anyone who followed Him would have to give up many things for His sake—even, perhaps, to lose their lives. "But" said Jesus, "that is nothing; for, in the end, those who deny themselves for My sake shall have eternal life. A man's soul is worth more than the whole world, for what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Whom did most people think Jesus was? Ans. They thought He was John the Baptist or one of the prophets. 2. What did Jesus ask His disciples about Himself? Ans. Whom do you think I am? 3. Who answered the question? Ans. Peter. 4. What did he say? Ans. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 5. What plan had Jesus' friends for Him? Ans. They wanted to make Him king. 6. What was Jesus' plan? Ans. To die for the sins of the world. 7. Who said to Jesus that He was making a mistake? Ans. Peter. 8. Was Jesus pleased with him? Ans. No, He said, "Get thee behind me Satan." 9. What kind of a time did Jesus promise to His followers? Ans. A hard, dangerous time. 10. And after that? Ans. Eternal life. 11. What is the Golden Text? Ans. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should bear my cross



Primary Catechism—102. For whom should we pray besides ourself?

God's word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

Shorter Catechism—31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near.

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way.

Amen.

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

Lesson V.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

July 29, 1900

Luke 9 : 28-36—Memory Verses, 33-35

Golden Text—This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Luke 9 : 35.

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Pe'ter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Mo'ses and Eli'as :

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jeru'salem.

32 But Pe'ter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep : and when they were awake, they saw nis glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Pe'ter said unto Je'sus, Master, it is good for us to be here : and let us make three tabernacles ; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as : not knowing what he said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them : and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Je'sus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

THE LESSON RETOLD

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When Jesus told His friends, the disciples, that soon He must die and go away back to His Father, they were very much troubled indeed. To comfort and prepare them for that sad time, Jesus allowed three of them to see a most wonderful sight.

One evening, He took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, away upon a high mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying the disciples, tired out with the day's work and their long climb, fell fast asleep.

As Jesus prayed alone, all at once His face began to change and to shine bright like the sun, while His clothes sparkled and glistened like the snow. Suddenly two men

from heaven stood beside Him. They were Mo'ses and Elijah. These good men had lived in the world hundreds of years before. Now they were talking with Jesus about His death and all that should happen to Him at Jerusalem. The bright light wakened the sleeping disciples and they saw their Master talking with the heavenly visitors.

While they gazed in surprise, not knowing what to think or say, the shining messengers began to leave.

"Oh won't they stay?" said the foolish Peter to Jesus, "we could make here three little tents—one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Peter hardly knew what he was saying. He was bewildered.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud came and covered them all. Then they heard a great noise. It was the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son: Hear Him."

But the disciples were afraid and hid their faces in the grass.

When everything was quiet, and they

looked up, the visitors were gone. Jesus was there alone, looking as He had always done, and was waiting to take them home. As they climbed down the mountain path, Jesus warned Peter and James and John not to tell what they had seen that night, until after He had risen from the dead. They did as they were told, and kept it close.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Whom did Jesus choose to go with Him one night when He went to a mountain to pray? Ans. Peter and James and John.
 2. While their Master prayed, what did the disciples do? Ans. They fell asleep.
 3. What awakened them? Ans. A bright light.
 4. Whom did they see talking to Jesus? Ans. Moses and Elijah.
 5. What were they talking about? Ans. Of the time when Jesus should die.
 6. How did Jesus look? Ans. His face shone as the sun and His clothes were white as snow.
 7. What foolish thing did Peter want to do? Ans. To make three tents, so that the visitors could stay longer.
 8. What soon hid them from view? Ans. A bright cloud.
 9. Whom did they hear speaking? Ans. The voice of God.
 10. How did the disciples feel? Ans. They were frightened and fell to the ground.
 11. What did the voice say? Ans. This is my beloved Son: Hear Him.
 12. What did Jesus warn the disciples? Ans. Not to tell what they had seen, until He was risen from the dead.

The Glorified One

He has put on His kingly apparel now,
 In that goodly land;
 And He leads to where fountains of waters flow
 That chosen band.



I HAVE LEARNED
 TO-DAY THAT

I should hear and obey Jesus



Primary Catechism—103. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer?

Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever—AMEN."

104. What is this prayer commonly called?

This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

Shorter Catechism—32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Lesson Hymn

Look, ye saints! The sight is glorious!
 See the Man of Sorrows now;
 From the fight returned victorious,
 Every knee to him shall bow.

Amen.

—Hymn 67, Book of Praise

Lesson VI.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

August 5, 1900

Matt. 18: 1-14—Memory Verses, 12-14

Golden Text—Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.—Mark 10: 14.



1 At the same time came the disciples unto Je'sus. saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off,

and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Sometimes the disciples quarreled among themselves.

Once they came and asked Jesus to settle which of them should have the best place in His kingdom.

Jesus called a little child who was playing near, and picking him up in His arms, said,

"Do you see how this little one trusts Me? Unless each one of you is ready to be as humble and obedient and ready to give up your own plans as this little child, you cannot even know what My kingdom is like. In it the humblest are the greatest."

Another time, when some mothers brought

children to Jesus, the disciples spoke roughly and wanted to drive them away. But Jesus said, "Let them stay." He said also, that anybody who tried to lead a little child or one who was weak and helpless away from Him into doing wrong, would be severely punished. "It is better," said Jesus, "even to do without feet or hands or eyes, than to use them in doing wrong." Then Jesus told about the angel messengers, whose special work it is to take care of the little ones, and how in heaven they stand always near the heavenly Father and see His face.

Jesus Himself was always ready to help the weak and helpless. He said, "I am

come to save that which was lost."

He showed this by a story. There was once a shepherd who had an hundred sheep. But one naughty one ran away and was lost. Then the kind shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep that had not wandered and went to look for the lost one. When he found it, all torn and bleeding, he brought it home on his shoulder and ever afterward he loved and petted that poor silly sheep even more than the others, who had stayed in the fold.

"That shepherd," said Jesus, "is like My Father, who is not willing that a single one of His little ones should perish."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did the disciples sometimes quarrel about? Ans. As to which of them should be the greatest. 2. How did Jesus teach them to be humble? Ans. He said they must all become as little children. 3. Did Jesus mean that little children are always good? Ans. No, but that they know how to be meek and trustful. 4. To what do all who trust Jesus belong? Ans. To the

kingdom of God. 5. How did Jesus show that He is willing to help the weak? Ans. By the story of the lost sheep. 6. How does Jesus treat those who have been naughty? Ans. Very kindly and gently. 7. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus wants the little ones



Primary Catechism—105. What name is given to the household or family of God?

God's family is called the Church?

106. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church?

The outward sign of membership in the church is baptism.

Shorter Catechism—33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus is our Shepherd,
Wiping every tear;
Folded in His bosom,
What have we to fear?

Jesus is our Shepherd:
For the sheep He bled;
Every lamb is sprinkled
With the blood He shed;

Then on each He setteth
His own secret sign:
'They that have My Spirit,
'These,' saith He, 'are Mine.'

Amen.

—Hymn 522, Book of Praise

Lesson VII.

THE FORGIVING SPIRIT

August 12, 1900

Matt. 18 : 21-35—Memory Verses, 21,22

Golden Text—Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.—Matt. 6 : 12.

21 Then came Pe'ter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Je'sus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands

on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormenters, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once Peter came to Jesus, saying, "Lord tell me exactly how many times I ought to forgive a person when he does wrong to me? Is seven times not enough?"

Jesus answered, not seven times, but seventy times seven. That means, always.

Jesus wanted His followers to remember how His Father in heaven had forgiven

their many sins and to learn to treat others as they had been treated themselves. So He told this little story,—“There was once a great and wealthy king who had many servants. But the head steward was a thief and had wasted millions of dollars of his master's money.

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frightened, for the king said, 'Take this thief and his wife and children and sell them for slaves. Sell also his house and everything he has and bring me the money.' Then the steward fell on his face weeping and said, 'Oh, please give me a little time and I will pay everything.' Then that kind and merciful king forgave him the whole debt.

"But the same man, soon after, met a fellow-servant who owed him a few dollars. He took hold of him roughly, saying, 'Pay me my money.' Then the poor man fell on his knees, saying, 'Just give me a little

time and I will pay everything.' Instead of forgiving him his debt, he quickly called a policeman and had him put in gaol.

"Then the other servants went to the king about it. He was very angry and calling the steward, said, 'Oh, you wicked servant, I forgave your debt as soon as you asked me. Why have you not done the same to the other man?' And he cast him into prison, till he should pay the whole debt."

Then said Jesus to those who were listening, "Even so shall My Father do unto you, if you are not willing to forgive others as freely as He has forgiven you."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How many times did Peter think he ought to forgive? Ans. Seven times. 2. What did Jesus say? Ans. That he should be willing to forgive every time. 3. Why? Ans. Because God had forgiven him so much. 4. Why did Jesus tell the story of the forgiving king? Ans. To show everybody what His Father is like. 5. How did the man in the story, who had been forgiven himself, treat another of his fellow-servants? Ans. Hardly and unjustly. 6. Then what did the king do? Ans. He punished the cruel man? 7. How did Jesus say His friends must treat each other? Ans. As they would wish to be treated themselves. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

A Wonderful Prayer

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, with His hands and His feet pierced by the cruel nails, He looked up to His Father in Heaven, and made this prayer for His murderers, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do!*"

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should be forgiving

Primary Catechism — 107. How are we baptized?

We are baptized with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Shorter Catechism—34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, in Thy dying woes,
Even while Thy life-blood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes!
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like Thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed!
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 57, Book of Praise

Lesson VIII.

THE MAN BORN BLIND

August 19, 1900

John 9 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 4-7

Golden Text—One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.—John 9 : 25.

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.

13 They brought to the Pha'risees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Je'sus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pha'risees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pha'risees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles ? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes ? He said, He is a prophet.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Long ago in Jerusalem there was a baby born who could not see at all.

Because the little fellow was blind he could not go to school or learn to make a living, so, when he was a man, he used to sit all day long beside the Temple gate and beg.

One Sabbath day Jesus and the disciples noticed him there. The disciples asked Jesus, "Whose fault is it that this man is blind ? Did he have bad parents or was he bad himself ?"

Jesus said, "It is not on account of his own sin or that of his parents. God has

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 ?

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Then Jesus spat on the dusty ground and put a little of the mud upon the man's blind eyes. Then He said, "Go away and wash your eyes in the pool near by, called Siloam." The man obeyed and found he was cured. He hurried back to the gate, but Jesus was gone.

The man's friends did not know him. An old neighbor said, "You look like that blind man who used to sit here begging." He answered, "I am the same man." "But how did you get your eyes opened?" they cried. When the man told how Jesus had

cured him, "Where is He?" they asked. "I do not know," he said, so they took him to the Pharisees.

When the Pharisees heard what had been done, they were angry. They questioned the man sharply about his eyes, and told him that Jesus could not be the Son of God, pretending he had broken the Sabbath by opening the man's eyes on that day.

But some said, "If He is a sinner how does He do such wonders?" So some believed in Jesus and some believed not.

Then the Pharisees asked the man himself, "Who do you think he is?" "I know," said he, "that He is come from God because He has opened my eyes."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What day was it that Jesus saw the blind man? Ans. The Sabbath day. 2. Whose fault did the disciples think it was that he was blind? Ans. His own or his parents'. 3. What did Jesus do for the man? Ans. He put clay on his eyes and sent him to wash at the pool of Siloam. 4. When the man could see, where did he go? Ans. Back among his old friends. 5. Did they know him? Ans. They were not sure. He had to tell them who he was. 6. What did the Pharisees say about Jesus? Ans. That He had broken the Sabbath. 7. What reason did the man who had been born blind give for believing in Jesus? Ans. One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 8. Did all believe on Jesus? Ans. Some did and some did not.

Uncle Jack's Gift

"Go and look under the kitchen steps and bring me what you see," said Uncle Jack, his eyes twinkling. "Pooh," said Fred, "I don't believe there's anything there. I'm not going to make a fool of myself." "But Uncle Jack wouldn't make a fool of us," said Helen. "I'm going to

look and see what it is."

In a minute she came back leading a beautiful curly spaniel.

"Oh, it's for me," said Fred. "Uncle Jack knew how I wanted a dog." "No," said their uncle, "it's for the little girl who was brave enough to believe in me."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should tell what Jesus does for me

Primary Catechism—108. Why is this sign used?

Because Jesus himself commanded it.

Shorter Catechism—35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?

Who will serve the King?

Who will be His helpers

Other lives to bring?

Who will leave the world's side?

Who will face the foe?

Who is on the Lord's side?

Who for Him will go?

Amen.

—Hymn 252, Book of Praise

Lesson IX.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

August 26, 1900

John 10 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 9-11

Golden Text—The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—John 10 : 11.

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth ; and the sheep hear his voice : and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him : for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him : for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Je'sus unto them : but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Je'sus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers : but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,

and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy : I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth : and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father : and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice ; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

THE LESSON RETOLD

see lesson 1
The place where sheep stay at night is called the fold. It is like a field with a high stone fence around it, with just one door, where the doorkeeper stays all night to see that no wild beast gets a chance to hurt the flock. If the porter saw anyone trying to climb over the wall, instead of coming in through the door, he would know at once

that it was a robber who wanted to steal or harm the sheep. Early in the morning the shepherd comes to the door of the fold. The porter opens quickly and the sheep jump up at once, because they know their master's voice and their own names, just as dogs do. Then the shepherd leads them out, and away to the green pastures.

If a stranger were to call them, they would run away from him at once, because they are very shy and a strange voice frightens them. Sometimes sheep get into rocky dangerous places. Then the brave shepherd often risks his own life to save them, because they belong to him and he loves them.

Sometimes stranger-shepherds are paid to help in taking care of sheep, but they do not love the flock as the true shepherd does. If a wild beast comes along, they run to a safe place and leave the sheep to take care of themselves.

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I give My life to save the sheep. My sheep are the people who are willing to obey My voice; and I will show them where they are to go and what they must do." Jesus said also, "I am the door of the sheep." He meant that, only by being a friend of His can anyone belong to His Father's flock, "and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Jesus says that His Father's fold is large enough to hold everybody who is willing to be one of His sheep and that some day even the people in heathen lands will hear His voice and follow the Good Shepherd.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the sheepfold? Ans. The place where sheep stay at night. 2. Who comes and leads them out every morning? Ans. The shepherd. 3. How do sheep know their own master? Ans. By His voice. 4. What does a shepherd do for the sheep? Ans. He takes care of them and protects them from danger. 5. How do stranger-shepherds behave when the sheep are in

danger? Ans. They run away. 6. Who called Himself "The Good Shepherd?" Ans. Jesus. 7. What did He mean by the fold? Ans. His Father's kingdom. 8. How much room is there in it? Ans. Enough for everyone who is willing to follow the Good Shepherd. 9. What is the Golden Text? Ans. The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should follow where Jesus leads me



Primary Catechism—109. What does the use of water in baptism teach us?

The use of water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

Shorter Catechism—36. What are the benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

A. The benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus is our Shepherd:

Well we know His voice:

How its gentlest whisper

Makes our heart rejoice!

Even when He chideth,

Tender is its tone;

None but He shall guide us;

We are His alone.

Amen.

—Hymn 522, Book of Praise

Lesson X.

THE SEVENTY SENT FORTH

September 2, 1900

Luke 10 : 1-11 ; 17-20.—Memory Verses, 2-6

Golden Text—The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few.—Luke 10 : 2.

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways : behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes : and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it : if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give : for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you :

9 And heal the sick that are

therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you : notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy : and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you ; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

THE LESSON RETOLD

See Lesson 1
Jesus had many other friends besides the twelve disciples. Once He chose seventy of those who loved Him best to invite others to belong to His kingdom. Jesus called them His reapers or harvesters. They were to go two and two into every place where He had not yet been, and tell the people to get ready at once to meet Him.

Before they started Jesus told them how

to go to work. He said, "I am sending you as lambs among wolves. Be wise and gentle. Do not take any luggage with you. You will not need money, so leave your purses at home. Neither will you need a bag for provisions. Surely My workers have a right to be given food and lodging. Do not stop to talk with anyone by the roadside, for you must hurry to tell people what I have told you.

"When you knock at anyone's door, say, first of all, 'Peace be to this house'; and if they are glad to listen to your message, stay there all the time you are in that place. Go not from house to house. But if they should not let you in, the harm is to themselves. You have done your duty.

"If you should go to any Gentile city and they want you to stay, do not be afraid of their strange food, but eat what is set before you."

Then Jesus gave His missionaries power to cure sicknesses, for they were to heal as

well as preach. He said also, "If in any city they do not want to have anything to do with you, go into a public place and shake the dust off your shoes to show that you are not to blame for their sin."

By and by the messengers came back joyful and glad, saying, "Master, even the evil spirits obeyed us when we spoke in Thy name." Jesus said, "Behold I give you power over all evil things. You shall even step on scorpions and serpents without hurt. But rejoice, most of all, because your names are written in heaven."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What would the messengers whom Jesus sent be called now? Ans. Missionaries. 2. Where did Jesus send them? Ans. To all the places where He Himself should come. 3. What was their message? Ans. Prepare to meet the Saviour. 4. What were they to do besides preach? Ans. Heal the sick. 5. How many were to go together? Ans. Two.

6. What did they tell Jesus when they came back? Ans. That even evil spirits obeyed them. 7. What did Jesus say ought to please them most? Ans. That their names were written in heaven. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. 9. What were they to do? Ans. Pray for more laborers.

The King's Postmen

When Emperor William wants to send a letter to anyone, he never drops it in the letter-box or sends it by mail. He chooses among his officers and soldiers a young man whom he can trust to be his special messenger.

How proud that soldier is to be chosen, because it is a great honor to serve the king in this way! And so it is with Jesus. He is still looking for living messengers to carry His good news to the end of the world.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should do all I can for Jesus



Primary Catechism—110. Can the washing with water take away our sins?

No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

Shorter Catechism—37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Lesson Hymn

O happy band of pilgrims,
If onward ye will tread,
With Jesus as your Fellow,
To Jesus as your Head!

O happy, if ye labor,
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger,
As Jesus hungered then!

Amen.

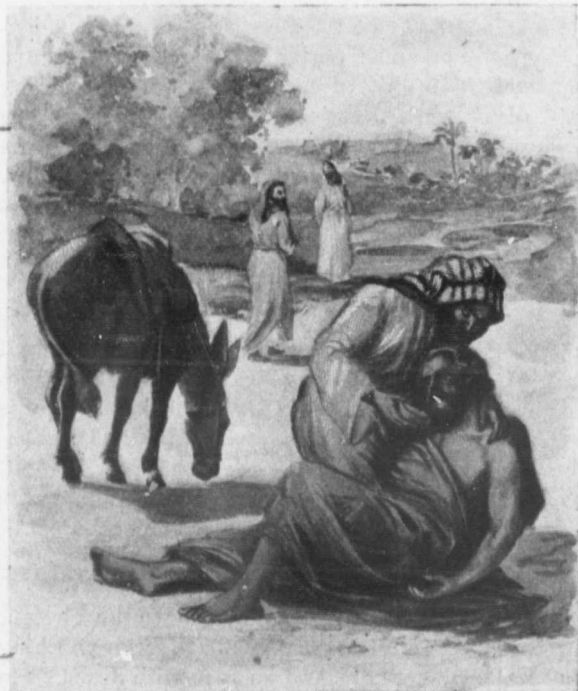
—Hymn 307, Book of Praise

Lesson XI.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

September 9, 1900

Luke 10 : 25 to 37—Memory Verses 33-35

Golden Text—Love thy neighbor as thyself.—Lev. 19 : 18.

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, thou hast answered right: this do and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Je'sus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Je'sus answering, said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Le'vite, when he was at the place, came and

looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Je'sus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

THE LESSON RETOLD

A young lawyer who took sides with the scribes and Pharisees against Jesus came and asked a question, just to see if he could catch Jesus making a mistake.

He said, "Please tell me exactly what I must do to get eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of God's law. What does it say?"

The lawyer replied, "It says, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and

soul and strength and mind and thy neighbor as thyself." "Yes," said Jesus, "that is true. You have answered the question correctly. Do this and you shall live."

The man felt as if he had been rather foolish and said, "But who is my neighbor?"

Jesus said, "There was once a man walking along a lonely, dangerous road. He was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. Suddenly there sprang out fierce robbers and wounded

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him in the head. Then they stripped him of his money and his clothes and ran away, leaving him half dead.

"After a while a Jewish priest, on his way home from the temple, came along. When he saw what had happened, he turned his head the other way, and stepping across the road, went on.

"By and by a Levite came along. He stopped for a minute and stared at the wounded man. Then he, too, went by on the other side.

"After some time a Samaritan stranger came riding by. Now, Samaritans and Jews did not speak when they met; but as soon as this stranger saw a sick man lying in the

road, he hurried down off his beast and ran to help him. He washed the dust from his wounds and bound them up, pouring oil and wine into them. Then he lifted him into his own saddle and walked beside him to the nearest hotel, where he stayed all night to take care of him.

"The next morning he gave the landlord money enough to take care of the sick man until he should be well again, saying, 'If you spend more, I will repay you the next time I come.'

"Now," said Jesus to the lawyer, "who was neighbor to the man who was wounded?" He answered, "He who was kind to him." Then said Jesus, "Go and do as he did."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did the lawyer ask Jesus about eternal life? Ans. To see if Jesus would make a mistake. 2. When he could not succeed in this, what did he say? Ans. Who is my neighbor? 3. How did Jesus answer him? Ans. By a story. 4. What happened to the man in the story? Ans. He was robbed and stripped and wounded. 5. Who passed by without helping him?

Ans. A priest and a Levite. 6. Who was kind to him? Ans. A strange Samaritan. 7. What did he do? Ans. He took care of the man as long as he could, and then paid another man to do it. 8. What did Jesus tell the lawyer to do? Ans. To go and do likewise. 9. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 10. Who spoke these words? Ans. Jesus.

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT I should love others as I love myself

Primary Catechism—111. What else does our baptism teach us?

Our baptism teaches us that we belong to Christ, and must be true to him.

Shorter Catechism—38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight:
Such grace to mine be given.

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

Lesson XII.

THE RICH FOOL

September 16, 1900

Luke 12: 13-23—Memory Verses, 19-21

Golden Text—What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?—Mark 8: 36.



13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou fool*, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast

provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body *is more* than raiment.

THE LESSON RETOLD

See Lesson 1
One day an angry man called and asked Jesus to be a judge between him and a brother who had not treated him fairly. He said, "Tell my brother that he must give me my share of our dead father's goods."

Jesus said, "Man, who made me a judge or a divider? See that your own heart is not grasping and greedy. To be rich and have everything you want will not make you truly happy."

Then Jesus told this parable to show that what He said was true.

There was once a rich farmer whose fields gave such splendid crops that there was no

room in his barns to store all his fruits and grains.

Instead of giving some away to the poor, this selfish man sat down and made plans for keeping it all himself. He said to his servants, "I tell you what I will do, I will pull down these old barns and build others so large that there will be plenty of room to keep everything." Then he said to himself, "Now you are a very rich man—so rich that you can do without working. Just have a good time the rest of your life, eating and drinking and enjoying yourself." But God said, "You are acting like a fool, this night you must die. Then whose will these

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things be that you have gathered?"

"That man," said Jesus, "is a picture of everyone who tries to please himself and forgets God."

Then, turning to the disciples, He said, "How foolish it is to worry about such things as food and clothes. They do not

count for much, after all. Notice the birds and flowers, how carefully God protects them. Surely He will take as good care of His people as of sparrows. Always remember that the body is worth more than clothes, and life is more important than food."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who once came and asked Jesus to settle a dispute? Ans. An angry man, whose brother was keeping some money from him. 2. What did Jesus say? Ans. That a man might have plenty of money and yet be poor. 3. How did Jesus show that this is true? Ans. By a parable. 4. What did the rich man in the story plan to do with his wealth? Ans. He intended to

have a good time the rest of his life. 5. What happened when he was making his plans? Ans. God told him that he must die that night. 6. Was his money any use to him then? Ans. No. 7. Did it belong to him any longer? Ans. No. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Too Costly

"It is a jolly knife!" said Ted admiringly. "There are three blades, besides the cork-screw," said Tom. "It must have cost half a dollar." "What made him give it to you?" said Ted. "Why I'll tell you," said Tom laughing. "He's so green, you know, I gave him my red alley for it and the medal I picked up in the road. I told him the medal was silver and worth a lot of money; and he thinks he's got a great

bargain." "Oh," said Ted, "that alters the case. I would not have it at that price if you gave me a hundred dollars besides." "Why not," said Tom, "if he's such a soft as to believe everything you tell him?" "He is welcome to sell his knife how he likes," said Ted, turning on his heel, "but I would not sell myself for all the knives in the world." And Ted was right. One boy is worth a million knives.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

The Value of a Soul



Primary Catechism—112. Why are the children of Christians baptized?

Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

Shorter Catechism—39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Lesson Hymn

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

Amen.

—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

Lesson XIII.

THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS

September 23, 1900

Luke 12 : 35-46—Memory Verses, 43, 44.

Golden Text—Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—Matt. 26 : 41.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning ;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding ; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching ; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also : for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all ?

42 And the Lord said, Who

then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them* their portion of meat in due season ?

43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming ; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken ;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had told the parable of the rich man who was surprised when God told him he must die, He warned the disciples to be ready at any moment for their time to die.

"You need never be afraid," said Jesus, "if you are ready and watching as servants who wait for their master. You know how servants are sometimes left in charge of the house while the master goes to a feast or wedding. They must watch and listen all night, for he may return at any moment.

Blessed are the servants whom their master shall find watching. They are like the faithful ones whom my Father will invite to His table and wait upon Himself."

To show how suddenly God may call, Jesus said, "There was once a man who woke up one morning to find that in the night thieves had broken in and stolen his things. If he had known when they were coming he would have watched. But he did not know. God may come as quietly as a

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thief in the night."

Then said Peter. "Do you mean, Lord, that everybody should watch, or only a few who are not busy?"

Then Jesus showed how we watch best not by stopping work, but by being faithful and doing what is right all the time. This is what He said, "There was once a landowner who had to go away from home. He left one servant in charge of the farm with certain work to do. When he came back a long time after, he found that servant still

doing his duty. The master was well pleased and promoted him at once."

"But, supposing," said Jesus, "that servant had said, 'My master is likely to be away a long time. I may as well enjoy myself,' and had begun to abuse the other servants and to go into bad company, when his master came back suddenly he would find him out and would punish him severely. So it is with yourselves. The Son of man cometh at an hour that ye think not, and He will punish all that are unfaithful."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. For what did Jesus tell the disciples to watch? Ans. For His second coming. 2. When will that be? Ans. Nobody knows just when. 3. What kind of servants are glad to see their master? Ans. Those who have been faithful. 4. What will God give His faithful children? Ans. A place in His kingdom. 5. How does God sometimes call

His servants? Ans. Suddenly, as a thief comes in the night. 6. What will God do to those who have been wicked? Ans. He will punish them. 7. What did the good servant do when his master was away? Ans. Just the same as if he had been at home. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

What Paul Says

But ye are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all

the children of light, and the children of the day: We are not of night nor of darkness.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should watch and pray



Primary Catechism—113. When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did he ask to be remembered?

He appointed the Lord's supper and said, "This do in remembrance of me."

Shorter Catechism—40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Lesson Hymn

Christian! seek not yet repose,
Cast thy dreams of ease away;
Thou art in the midst of foes:
'Watch and pray.'

Hear the victors who o'ercame;
Still they mark each warrior's way;
All with one sweet voice exclaim,
'Watch and pray.'

Amen.

—Hymn 254, Book of Praise

Lesson XIV.

REVIEW

September 30, 1900

Golden Text—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.—James 1 : 22.

Primary Catechism—Review Questions, 97-113.

Shorter Catechism—42. *What is the sum of the ten commandments?*

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

Lesson Hymn

O, what can little hands do,
To please the King of Heaven?
The little hands some work may try
To help the poor in misery:
Such grace to mine be given.

O, what can little lips do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little lips can praise and pray,
And gentle words of kindness say:
Such grace to mine be given.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should be a doer of God's Word

| | Lesson Title | Golden Text |
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| LESSON I. | Jesus walking on the Sea. | Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matt. 14 : 33. |
| LESSON II. | Jesus the Bread of Life. | Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35. |
| LESSON III. | The Gentile Woman's Faith. | Lord, help me.—Matt. 15 : 25. |
| LESSON IV. | Peter's Confession and Christ's Rebuke. | If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.—Matt. 16 : 24. |
| LESSON V. | The Transfiguration. | This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Luke 9 : 35. |
| LESSON VI. | Jesus and the Children. | Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.—Mark 10 : 14. |
| LESSON VII. | The Forgiving Spirit. | Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.—Matt. 6 : 12. |
| LESSON VIII. | The Man born Blind. | One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.—John 9 : 25. |
| LESSON IX. | Jesus the Good Shepherd. | The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—John 10 : 11. |
| LESSON X. | The Seventy sent forth. | The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few.—Luke 10 : 2. |
| LESSON XI. | The Good Samaritan. | Love thy neighbour as thyself.—Lev. 19 : 18. |
| LESSON XII. | The Rich Fool. | What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?—Mark 8 : 36. |
| LESSON XIII. | The Duty of Watchfulness. | Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—Matt. 26 : 41. |
| LESSON XIV. | Review. | Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.—James 1 : 22. |

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.

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Miss Radwan for order

AN ORDER OF SERVICE, PRIMARY CLASSES

Third Quarter, 1900

I. SINGING—At signal rise and sing Hymn 543, Book of Praise, "Lord a little band and lowly."

II. SILENT PRAYER, followed by a brief prayer by teacher.

III. Singing of one or more hymns

IV. COLLECTION.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PRAYER. This prayer should be more especially for missions. If no offering is presented, still have the prayer.

VI. FINGER EXERCISE. (See page 67.)

VII. RECITE GOLDEN TEXTS for the Quarter, as far as learned.

VIII. THE LESSON for the day, with Golden Text, Lesson Hymn and Catechism.

IX. PRAYER. In simple words and short clauses by the teacher, the children repeating after the teacher.

X. SING LESSON HYMN for the Quarter, 532 Book of Praise.

O what can little hands do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little hands some work may try
To help the poor in misery;
Such grace to mine be given.

XI. IN CONCERT. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

XII. DISMISSAL.

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