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A Cradle Song

"From groves of spice,
O'er fields of rice,
Athwart the lotus stream,
I bring for you,
Aglow with dew,
A little lovely dream.

Sweet, shut your eyes,
The wild fire-flies
Dance through the fairy reame ;
From the poppy-bole
For you I stole
A little lovely dream.

Dear eyes, good night,
In golden light,
The stars around you gleam ;
On you I press
With sweet caress
A little lovely dream."

The Story of a Prisoner

It is mostly people who have done wrong, who are put into prison. But it has often happened that people have been sent to prison just because they were doing right.

It is the story of such a prisoner that the Lessons of the present Quarter tell. And so exciting is the story, that often it almost takes away one's breath. It is told in pieces, Sabbath by Sabbath, and grows in interest to the end.

The prisoner is Paul ; and the story begins with his sudden arrest by a band of soldiers, who snatch him out of the hands of his angry fellow worshipers in the temple at Jerusalem. Paul was a follower of Jesus, and therefore they were determined to kill him.

Then follows a plot against the prisoner's life by these same fellow countrymen of his, and his removal by soldiers, by night, to another city, where he could be kept safe.

Then Paul the prisoner is called before the Roman governor to make his defence ; and, again, a little later, before another Roman governor and a king and a queen.

A long and dangerous sea voyage follows ; for the prisoner is being sent hundreds of miles away, to Rome, where the Emperor lived. The ship was driven hither and thither by fierce winds, and, at last was wrecked, and all had to escape to shore as best they could. After spending the winter on the island to which they had escaped, another ship was taken, and Paul was sent on to Rome—all the while under guard of soldiers.

One of his letters from Rome shows how brave Paul was when the cruel Emperor was about to put him to death—"I have fought a good fight", he said, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith : henceforth there is laid up for me a crown."

The Child as a Giver

By Mrs. Winifrede B. Jamieson

Next to the words, "Papa", and "Mama", perhaps "Ta ta" (thank you) comes first in baby's vocabulary. How soon we seek to form in the little toddler the habit of giving thanks. We desire that he should acknowledge his indebtedness to those about him for what he receives. Are we as careful to acquaint him with the true Source of all things, and to teach him to say, "Thank you" to God? *Thanksgiving*, therefore

naturally comes first in the child's education in giving.

Very early, also, he can be taught to share his pleasures and his toys with others. Perhaps in no way does a child better learn the joy of giving, than by being allowed to share in mother's plans for remembering others at birthday, or Christmas seasons.

Next comes the training in sympathy with whatever trouble he can comprehend, the implanting in him the desire to do something to help others in distress, even if prayer be the only service he can render. If some little playmate has been left motherless; suggest that such an one be specially remembered in the bed-time prayer. And how easily may the child be made to realize that other little ones, too, are motherless; and so his sympathies become world-wide.

Again, in teaching the value and use of money, the child can be trained to form habits of giving,—not impulsive giving: that too often ends in repenting of the gift, but a systematic giving that will be a joy throughout life. Dr. Farbush says:

"One of the preliminaries to unselfish giving of life and substance, is the virtue of self-denial. This has a physical basis. It may seem strange to yoke such prosaic things as the morning cold bath, a simple diet and camping out, with missionary education, but we shall not have royal givers, unless we have men of royally simple lives, men who know how to do without. But thankfulness, rather than sacrifice, is the motive to be used in giving."

By acquainting the child with God, and training him to express his thanks to God, through the giving of his sympathy, his means and his time to those in need, we have, in large measure, prepared him to give to the Master the best he has to offer, and the most acceptable gift,—himself.

Princetown, Trinidad

Who Was the Young Man?

Far away, in an Eastern country, there once lived a tall, handsome young man, whose father owned a large farm. They had no fences around their fields in those days, and

once, when the servants were not watching, a herd of asses wandered away. So the farmer sent this handsome son, with a servant, to find the asses.

They journeyed a long, long way without finding them; and at last they came to a city, where a great and wise prophet was staying. The servant said to his young master, "Let us go and ask the prophet where the asses are."

So they went, and the prophet told them. But he also took the young man away by himself, and whispered to him a wonderful piece of news. He said, "You will be king some day." Then he poured some sweet-smelling oil upon the young man's head, as they used to do to kings, and blessed him.

The young man went home, and before long the wonderful thing came true, for he was crowned king over his own country. *Who was the young man?*

What God Made Thumbs For

By Esther Miller

He was sitting on his mother's knee, in the sunny bay window, his eyes shining, his tongue fairly tripping, in its anxiety to tell it all. For he had just returned from his first day at Sunday School, and such wonderful things as he had seen and heard there!

As she listened, the mother was experiencing just a small ache at her heart. She was realizing that already her boy had gone beyond the circle of his mother's arms for his training. The Sunday School teacher was coming to share her place.

"And what was the Lesson about?" she asked.

"'Bout Dod. Dod made evel'ing. An' He—made dem awful nice."

The mother smiled. The teacher had instructed the little lad well. The Golden Text, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good", had not been quoted word for word; but its substance was there. Once more came the pang of mother jealousy.

"Dod made everyfing", he went on. "He made muvver, an' daddy, an' tousin May, an' Fido, an' Pussy, an' de twees, an'

de gwass—an'—an' me!"

He leaned back against his mother's breast, enfolded by her arms, and heaved a big sigh. He was tired out. It had been a very exciting day. As was usual when he was in a reflective mood, into his mouth went his chubby thumb.

This was a habit mother had determinedly set her face against. "Thumb! Thumb!" she cried, warningly. He withdrew it reluctantly.

"Why tant I?" he grumbled. "Because mother says 'No'. Thumbs are not for little boys' mouths."

The Sunday School lesson was still in his mind, and he brought his broadened knowledge to the controversy.

"What did Dod make fums for, den?" he demanded, rebelliously.

His mother hid a smile in his curls. Then her face grew bright with a new idea. Why, she had been grieving that the Sunday School lesson had taken the lesson out of her hands; while, in reality, it had given her a broader one. Hers was the sequel to the Sunday School lesson. A great truth followed naturally upon the knowledge that the all-kind Father had made everything good, the truth that these good things can be misused and so made evil.

And so, starting with his little thumb, the boy learned a wonderful lesson that day,—that he had his part in putting these good things God had made, to their proper uses, and that because the Creator had made his body, it was the temple of the living God. And the mother learned a lesson, too, that because her boy had entered Sunday School, her work in his religious training had grown broader and deeper.

Orillia, Ont.

What Jesus Would Say

By Rev. J. A. McKeen, B.A.

Not long ago, one of our ministers, in addressing an infant class, asked the children what they thought Jesus would say to them if they knocked at His door. A little girl said she thought Jesus would say, "Come in." "Why do you think that?" asked the

minister; and a small lad, with simplicity of heart, replied, "Because Jesus says, 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.'"

Orono, Ont.

Little Pearl

By Miss Jane M. Kinney, B.A.

In general, the life of Chinese girls, in comparison with that of little girls in Canada, is far from attractive. In Canada, the birth of a little girl is hailed with quite as much delight as that of a boy. And how often we see the baby girl petted and quite idolized by her parents and brothers. When old enough, she is sent to school and has advantages altogether equal to those of her brothers. But little Chinese girls are seldom so loved. Upon the birth of a son, all the neighbors and friends are eager to congratulate the happy parents. If a daughter, there are no congratulations, and almost a note of sorrow for a couple so afflicted.

Little Pearl was born into a Chinese home, but that home was Christian. Perhaps there was not the rejoicing there would have been, had it been a boy announced, but these parents were true disciples of Christ and had great faith in God. They believed He had given them this little daughter to nurture and train for Him, and cheerfully they set about the task. They showed their trust and gratitude from the first in calling her by a Chinese name which means Pearl.

Of a very mild and gentle disposition, but full of fun and frolic, little Pearl soon became quite a favorite in the family connection. But when about five years of age, she had a serious illness, which so affected the spine as to leave her quite a cripple, barely able to walk about. Pitiful was it to see her with back bent over and often suffering severe pain, moving slowly from chair to chair. But beautiful was it to see how ever gentler and more patient she grew. She usually bore the attacks of pain without a murmur.

How pleasing to hear her sweet and low voice gently singing,

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so"!

Being unable to run about and play, her parents had taken more time to entertain her, and had taught her this and other children's hymns, the Twenty-third Psalm, and some other scripture texts. How sweet to hear her lisp these!

Only a little Chinese girl and only a Chinese home, but Jesus was known and loved in that home, and the name of God was revered. Only a little Chinese cripple, but her life was brightened by her love for Jesus, and she in turn spread sunshine all around. But in this land where there is one such home, there are one hundred others who have not yet heard, or who never heed, the story of Jesus and His love. Will you not pray that all the little boys and girls of this land may hear the teaching, that they, like little Pearl, may learn to love Jesus?

Tamsui, Formosa, Japan

Shepherd Jesus

Christ, of tender lambs the Leader,
Shelter of each nestling bird,
For our young the Guide and Pleader,
Let our song to Thee be heard:
While sweet praises each voice raises
To the everlasting Word.

King of saints, the all-prevailing
Message of the Father's grace,
Lord of wisdom, grief assailing,
Saviour of our mortal race;
Shepherd Jesus, guide and lead us
To Thy heavenly pasture-place.

Lost Each Other

"I can't find Chappie anywhere, mother! I've hunted and hunted!" Laddie's face was full of anxiety, and there were two red spots on his cheeks.

"How did you happen to lose him?"

Laddie dropped his eyes, and the red spots on his cheeks deepened. Something serious usually happened whenever his mother's voice sounded like that.

Suddenly Laddie's face brightened. "He lost himself, mother. Chappie and I were

running,—and—and—Chappie let go my hand and—and—he just lost himself."

"Why did you not go after Chappie?" she asked. "Why, I was running, and when I stopped, Chappie w—wasn't anywhere!" insisted Laddie, his lip beginning to quiver. "Come with me, Laddie, and show me where you last saw Chappie": his mother's voice was still very serious.

Laddie slipped his hand in hers and led her out into the yard. "I lost Chappie right here, mother", he said, stopping under the widespread branches of a large elm tree.

"He certainly couldn't have gone far; Chappie's little feet couldn't have carried him far beyond this tree", said Laddie's mother, looking around her. "He couldn't climb the tree, and he couldn't climb the fence." Then she hesitated. "But he might have crawled into this barrel."

She stooped down, and so did Laddie. He even crawled into the barrel, so eager was he to find his little brother. When he had gone in as far as he could, his mother heard a smothered voice exclaiming, "Here he is, mother! He has gone to sleep way inside of this barrel!"

Laddie's voice woke Chappie, and he began to cry; for it was very dark, and he could not tell where he was. But Laddie took his little hand and led him out into the light; and when he saw his mother's face he began to laugh; for you see Chappie was only a little three-year-old baby. He didn't even know that he had been lost.

Laddie assured his mother that he never should lose Chappie again when there were any barrels around into which he could crawl, for he would know where to look for him.

"I thought you told me Chappie lost himself", his mother reminded him with a smile. Laddie pondered a minute, then looking up brightly, he said, "I guess Chappie and I must have lost each other, mother." "I think the better way would have been for strong Laddie to have held his little brother's hand so tight that neither could lose the other", his mother suggested.

Laddie smiled as he squeezed Chappie's hand firmly in his own, and said that was what he would do next time.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1909

I. SINGING. Hymn selected by the teacher. This, if possible, should be written on the blackboard, and while the children are gathering, the older ones can be learning the words.

II. PRAYER. Repeat in concert Hymn 405, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2, 4, 6.

III. SINGING. Hymn 562, Book of Praise, vs. 3, 4. (These are the last two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

Sing above the battle's strife ;

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves !

By His death and endless life ;

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves !

Sing it softly through the gloom,

When the heart for mercy craves ;

Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves !

Give the winds a mighty voice :

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves !

Let the nations now rejoice :

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves !

Shout salvation full and free

To every strand that ocean laves :

This our song of victory,

Jesus saves ! Jesus saves ! Amen.

IV. OFFERING.

V. SINGING. While the collectors stand before the teacher with the offering, sing Hymn 427, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 3, 7.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Lambs of the Flock, Mark 10 : 13-16. For those under eleven, The Wise Men from the East, Matt. 2 : 1-11. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those under Eleven.)

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. SINGING. Psalm or Hymn selected, if possible, one bearing on the Supplemental Lesson.

IX. PRAYER for missions, the children repeating, phrase by phrase, after the teacher.

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

XI. REPEAT IN CONCERT the previous Golden Texts of the Quarter.

XII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XIII. SINGING. (Tune 565, Book of Praise.)

Jesus, help us to remember

This sweet lesson from Thy Word.

Write upon our hearts forever,

Truths that we this day have heard.

Hear our prayers and hear our praises,

Take the gifts we offer Thee.

Send us on Thy loving errands,

Here am I ; send me, send me.

XIV. REPEAT IN CONCERT the Golden Text for the day.

XV. SINGING. Hymn 584, Book of Praise.

XVI. CLOSING PRAYER ending with the Lord's Prayer repeated in concert.

XVII. DISTRIBUTION of papers, cards, etc.

Lesson I.

PAUL A PRISONER—THE ARREST

October 3, 1909

Acts 21 : 27-39. Study Acts 21 : 17 to 22 : 29—*Memory Verse, 21 : 39.

Golden Text—Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Timothy 2 : 3.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of A'sia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Is'rael, help : This is the man, that teacheth all *men* every where against the people, and the law, and this place : and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Troph'imus an Ephe'sian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together : and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple : and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jeru'salem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them : and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains ; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude : and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee ? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek ?

38 Art not thou that Egypt'ian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers ?

39 But Paul said, I am a man *which am* a Jew of Tar'sus, a city in Cilic'ia, a citizen of no mean city : and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after Paul arrived in Jerusalem from Cæsarea, as we learned in our last Lesson from the Acts, he and his friends went to the house of James, the brother of Jesus, where Paul met all the elders of the church, and told how God had helped him to preach and work miracles amongst the Gentiles, so that many of these had believed in Jesus.

A few days afterwards, as Paul was in the temple, some Jews from Asia saw him, and taking hold of him, cried out, " Men of Israel, help. This man has brought *ith* him into the temple Gentiles, who are not allowed to come into this holy place."

The report of what was happening in the

temple quickly spread, and the whole city was soon in an uproar. The people dragged Paul out of the temple, intending to kill him. But the chief captain of the Roman soldiers set to guard the temple, heard of the disturbance, and ran down from the castle near by, with the soldiers. When the people saw the captain and the soldiers, they were afraid, and left off beating Paul. Then the captain ordered the soldiers to bind Paul with two chains, and carry him into the castle.

As they were doing this, the people crowded round, crying, " Away with him ", meaning that Paul should be killed. Then Paul said to the captain, in the Greek language, " May

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

I say something to thee?" The captain asked, in surprise, "Canst thou speak Greek? Are not thou that Egyptian who led those four thousand Jews out into the wilderness?" For not long before such a man had come to Jerusalem, pretending he was a prophet, and had persuaded many of the Jews to follow him into the wilderness, where most of them were slain. "No, indeed!" answered Paul, "I am a Jew who was born in Tarsus."

Then Paul told the people how he had been called of God and sent to preach to both Jews and Gentiles. This put the Jews, who hated the Gentiles, into a great rage, and they cried out that Paul was not fit to live. The captain, thinking that the apostle must have done some very wicked deed, ordered him to be scourged, to make him confess. However, when Paul said he was a Roman citizen, whom it was unlawful to scourge, the captain was afraid, and put him into the castle prison without scourging him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whose house did Paul go the day after he arrived in Jerusalem? 2. Whither did he go some days after? 3. What did some Jews cry out? 4. What was the result of their words? 5. What did the angry people do to Paul? 6. Who heard of the disturbance? 7. What did he do? 8. Why did the people leave off beating Paul? 9. What did the captain ask about him? 10. What answers did he get? 11. Whither did he order the soldiers to take Paul? 12. What did the people now cry out? 13. What did Paul ask of the chief captain? 14. What did he tell the people? 15. Why

were they again in a great rage? 16. Why did the captain order Paul to be scourged? 17. Why did he stop this? 18. Where was Paul then put? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Thou hast bought us,
Not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own life-blood,
For Thy diadem. Amen.
—Hymn 252, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE A GOOD SOLDIER
FOR JESUS

The Catechism

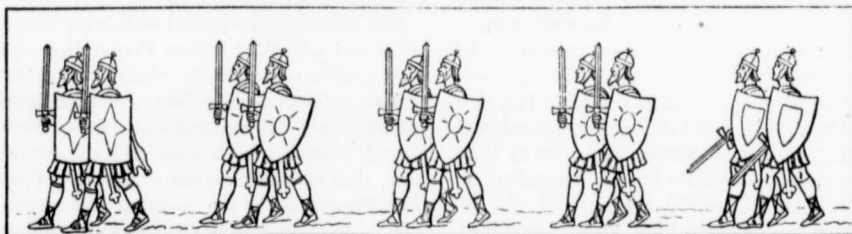
PRIMARY CATECHISM—48. How long did Jesus remain on earth after He rose from the dead? Jesus remained forty days on earth after His resurrection. 49. What was Jesus doing for His disciples during the forty days after His resurrection? He came to His disciples at different times to comfort and teach them.

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.

The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, THE FORMOSA CHRISTIANS.) 1. Where is the island of Formosa? Formosa is near the southwest coast of China, separated from it by the Formosa Channel, which, at its narrowest part, is about 80 miles wide.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



Roman soldiers, like those in the picture (color), were expected to be faithful to their Emperor. So we should be faithful soldiers of Jesus, fighting every day against the sins that He hates.

Lesson II.

PAUL A PRISONER—THE PLOT

October 10, 1909

Acts 23 : 11-24. Study Acts 22 : 30 to 23 : 35—Memory Verse, 11.

Golden Text—I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress : my God ; in him will I trust.—Psalm 91 : 2.



11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul : for as thou hast testified of me in Jeru'salem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him : and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain : for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me ?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow which of him more perfectly.

row into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them : for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him : and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cesarea's, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night ;

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The day after Paul had been put in prison, the Roman captain called together the high priest and the great Council of the Jews, and set Paul before them.

Paul explained that he had done no wrong of any kind, either against God or against the laws of the Jews. But everything that Paul said in the Council, caused so much noise and disturbance, that the chief captain commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away by force and shut him up again in the prison. The next night, as Paul lay in the prison, the Lord Himself came and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul : for as thou hast taught about Me here in Jerusalem, so shalt thou also teach in Rome."

Now the next morning, about forty Jews banded themselves together, and swore solemnly that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. They

went, therefore, to the chief priests and elders, and said to them, "We have agreed one with another not to eat nor drink, until we have killed Paul. Now, therefore, tell the chief captain to bring him down before the Council, as if you wished to ask some more questions of him, and while he is being brought, we will fall upon him and kill him."

But Paul's nephew heard of this plot, and came and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the officers, and said, "Take this young man to the chief captain, for he has something to tell him." So the centurion, for so these Roman officers were named, took the young man to the chief captain, saying, "Paul the prisoner asked me to bring this young man to see you." The chief captain, taking the young man by the hand, led him aside and asked what he had to tell him. Then the young man told about the wicked plot to kill Paul.

The chief captain immediately sent Paul's nephew away, warning him to tell no one of what he had learned. Then, calling two of his centurions, he commanded them to get ready a large body of soldiers to take Paul, in the middle of the night, to Cæsarea, where Felix, the Roman governor of Judea, lived. So Paul was brought safely to Felix, with a letter from the chief captain describing all that had happened. Felix said to Paul, "I will hear thee when thine accusers are come." So Paul was kept in prison, in some part of the governor's palace, until his accusers should come down from Jerusalem to make their complaint against him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did the chief captain call together? 2. Whom did he set before them? 3. What did Paul say he had not done? 4. What effect had Paul's words on the Council? 5. What did the chief captain command the soldiers to do? 6. Who appeared to Paul by night? Where? What did he say? 7. What did forty Jews do next day? 8. What did they ask the chief priests and elders to do? 9. Who heard of this plot? 10. Whom did he tell? 11. To whom was the young man then taken to tell his story? 12. What did the captain do to save Paul? 13. To whom was Paul taken in Cæsarea? 14. What did Felix say to him? 15. Where was he kept? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Neddy and Belle lived beside a great forest. They could hear the wolves howling at night; but they played safely round its borders in the day time, until one day they went too far, and were lost. Then what trouble and distress there was in the little home. The poor parents, together with the neighbors, searched all the long, dark night for the children, until just at daybreak they heard two little voices singing, "Jesus loves me"; and in another moment they were safe in their mother's arms. "I knew you would come", said Neddy, "for I prayed to God to send you; so we weren't afraid." "Neddy said that God always helps, if you keep on asking", Belle struck in, "and so He did."

Lesson Hymn

God is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid;
Therefore, although the earth remove,
We will not be afraid.

—Ps. Sel. 34, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—50. **What happened at the end of forty days?** After forty days Jesus went up to heaven. 51. **What is Jesus now doing for us in heaven?** He intercedes for us, and He rules over all things for our good.

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.

The Question on Missions

2. How large is the island of Formosa, and what is its population? Formosa is 264 miles long, and 80 miles wide at its widest part. Only about one-third of the island is cultivated, the other two-thirds are a mass of mountains. The population is about 3,000,000.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What beautiful words these are to copy!

BE OF GOOD CHEER

They are Jesus' words to us, when we are discouraged, as they were to Paul.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS WATCHES OVER ME

Lesson III.

PAUL A PRISONER—BEFORE FELIX

October 17, 1909

Acts 24 : 10-27. Study Acts 24—Memory Verses, 25, 26.

Golden Text—Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.—Acts 24 : 16.



10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city :

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets :

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from A'sia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day,

22 And when Fe'lix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lys'ias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Fe'lix came with his wife Drusil'a, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Fe'lix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time ; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him : wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Fe'lix' room : and Fe'lix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Five days after Paul arrived in Cæsarea, the high priest and some of the elders from the Council at Jerusalem also came, to accuse Paul before Felix. They brought with them a Roman lawyer, named Tertullus, to speak for them to the governor against Paul.

After Tertullus had finished speaking, Felix gave Paul permission to speak for himself, and Paul said, " It is only twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship, and neither in the temple nor in the city did they find me trying to stir up the people, neither can they prove the things they say against me. But this I will confess, that I worship God in a different way from theirs, although I believe everything that is written in the scriptures. And I expect the dead, both bad and good, to rise up at the last day, as

the Jews themselves say that they will ; and believing this, I try always to do nothing that my conscience says is wrong towards either God or man.

" Now, after being away from Jerusalem for many years, when I came back to bring an offering to God, and gifts to the poor, some Jews from Asia found me in the temple, yet not with a multitude nor causing any disturbance. These are the ones who should have been here to tell, if they had anything against me. Or, let the Jews who are here now, say if they found any evil in me, when I was brought before the Council, unless they will say that it was wrong for me to preach about the resurrection of the dead."

After Paul had spoken these things, Felix would hear no more, and sent the Jews away,

saying, "When the chief captain comes from Jerusalem, I will ask him all about this affair." He then commanded one of his centurions to keep Paul in prison, but to treat him kindly, and allow him to see any of his friends who might come to visit him.

Not many days after, Felix again sent for Paul to come and explain the gospel to himself and his wife Drusilla, who was a Jewess. As Paul tried to persuade them to obey God and not listen to temptation, and told them how they must be judged at the last day, Felix, remembering what a wicked life he had led, trembled with fear. Yet he did not repent of his sins, but sent Paul back to prison saying, "At some other time, when it is more convenient, I will send for you again to tell me about these things." Felix hoped, also, that Paul would offer him money to let him go free, and on that account he sent for him the oftener to talk with him. But after two years, when another governor named Festus came to take his place, Felix, to please the Jews, left Paul still in prison.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Cæsarea to accuse Paul before Felix? 2. Whom did they bring to speak for them? 3. What did Paul say he had not done? 4. What did he say he had done? 5. What did he believe about the dead? 6. Why had he gone up to Jerusalem? 7. Who had found him in the temple? 8. What should these Jews have done? 9. What did Paul ask those who were present before Felix to do? 10. What did Felix then order? 11. How did he say Paul was to be treated in prison? 12. Why did Felix again send for Paul? 13. Who was Drusilla? 14. What did Paul try to persuade Felix and Drusilla to do? 15. What did he say would happen at the last day? 16. Why was Felix afraid at Paul's words? 17. Did he repent? 18. What did he say, when he sent Paul back to prison? 19. What did Felix hope Paul would give him? 20. What new governor came after two years? 21. What did Felix do with Paul? 22. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Courage, brother, do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;

There's a star to guide the humble,—

'Trust in God, and do the right.' Amen.

—Hymn 275, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—52. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was going away? Jesus promised to send them another Comforter, or Helper, to remain with them forever.

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.

The Question on Missions

3. What races compose the population of Formosa? The aboriginal inhabitants of Malay origin, the Chinese, and the Japanese. The Japanese are the rulers, and took possession in June, 1895. At the beginning of 1905 they numbered about 50,000; the mountain "head-hunters" number about 100,000; and the Chinese nearly 3,000,000.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Felix was the judge, and Paul was the prisoner. But Felix trembled for fear, while Paul was strong and brave. It was his sin



that made Felix afraid, when Paul spoke to him, and Paul was without fear because Jesus was with him. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS DO RIGHT

Lesson IV.

PAUL A PRISONER—BEFORE FESTUS
AND AGRIPPA

October 24, 1909

Acts 26 : 19-32. Study Acts 25 : 6-12 ; Chapter 26—Memory Verses, 26 : 27-29.

Golden Text—I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.—2 Timothy 1 : 12.



19 Whereupon, O king Agrip'pa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision :
20 But shewed first unto them of Damas'cus, and at Jeru'salem, and throughout all the coasts of Judæ'a, and then to the Gen'tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Mo'ses did say should come :

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gen'tiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Fes'tus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself ; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Fes'tus ; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things,

before whom also I speak freely : for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him ; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrip'pa, believest thou the prophets ? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrip'pa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Berni'ce, and they that sat with them :

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrip'pa unto Fes'tus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæ'sar.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after the new governor, Festus, came to Cæsarea, he sent for Paul, and although the Jews came and accused Paul of many wicked things, they could prove nothing.

At last, Festus, wishing to please the Jews, asked Paul if he would not go to Jerusalem to be tried before them ; but Paul, knowing well that the Jews were already determined to kill him, answered, " Jerusalem is not the place where I ought to be tried, for, as you well know, I have done no wrong to the Jews. I choose to be taken before Cæsar." Now Cæsar was the Roman Emperor, and every Roman citizen, such as Paul was, had the right to be judged by him.

Some days afterwards, Agrippa, a Jew who was king over another part of Palestine, and his sister Bernice, came to visit Festus ; and again Paul was brought out, that Agrippa might hear his story. So Paul told of his early sinful life, and how at last he had been changed by a vision of Jesus, which he had seen near Damascus. " And ever since, I have done what the Lord then commanded", said Paul. " I went and preached, first to the Jews, and then to the Gentiles, telling them to repent and obey God. And because I did this, they caught me in the temple, and would have killed me, had not God saved me. Therefore, with God's help, I

have kept on preaching to both poor and great, telling them only those things which the prophets of the Jews had foretold, that Jesus would be put to death and afterwards rise from the dead, and be a Saviour both to the Jews and the Gentiles.

Then Festus cried out, "Paul, you must be out of your mind, to say such things!" But Paul answered, "I speak only the truth, most noble Festus, and king Agrippa knows that, for I am sure he has heard of all these things before." And Agrippa said, "You have almost persuaded me, too, to be a Christian." And Paul answered, "I wish that thou, yes, and also every one here were Christians, as I am, but without these chains."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the new governor of Cæsarea ?
2. For whom did he send soon after he came ?
3. Who accused Paul of many wicked things ?
4. Where did Festus ask Paul to go and be tried ?
5. Why did Paul refuse to go to Jerusalem ?
6. By whom did he choose to be judged ?
7. What two persons came to visit Festus ?
8. Why was Paul again brought out ?
9. Of what did Paul tell ?
10. What had he done since he saw the vision ?
11. How had the Jews treated him ?
12. What had Paul still gone on preaching ?
13. What did Festus cry out ?
14. What was Paul's answer ?
15. What did Agrippa say he was almost persuaded to be ?
16. What did Paul reply to this ?

Lesson Story

"Betty, aren't you going in for old Mr. Bent's drawing prize?" asked three voices at once. "You know you're the best in the class." "Oh, I don't know", said Betty, loftily, "perhaps I may do something later." But although the teacher had told the scholars that drawings for the prize must be handed in by a certain day, Betty kept putting off, saying, "Oh, I'll get it done in time." At last she brought her drawing to Miss Smythe. Her teacher looked at her sadly,—she knew Betty's bad habit of putting off. "Your drawing looks to me the best of them all, dear, but you're too late."

Lesson Hymn

O Jesus, Thou hast promised,
To all who follow Thee,

That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be ;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end ;
Oh give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend. Amen.

—Hymn 255, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—53. Who is the Comforter or Helper whom Jesus promised to send to His disciples ? The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send.

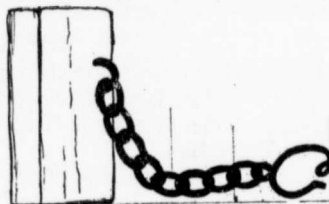
SHORTER CATECHISM—33. What is justification ? A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

The Question on Missions

4. Is Christian work carried on amongst all these races ? It is carried on among the Japanese, Chinese, and the "level-plain" aborigines ; but not yet among the "head-hunters", and a division of the "level-plainers", known as the "south-side" barbarians, who live on the middle east coast of the island.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In ancient prisons there were chains, such as the picture (*copy*) shows, for holding prison-



ers fast. It is far worse to be held in bondage by some evil habit. But Jesus is able and willing to keep us free.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I AM SAFE IN JESUS' KEEPING

Lesson V.

PAUL A PRISONER—THE VOYAGE

October 31, 1909

Acts 27 : 13-26. Study Acts 27 : 1-26—Memory Verses, 22-24.

Golden Text—Commit thy way unto the Lord ; trust also in him ; and he shall bring it to pass.—Psalm 37 : 5.



13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clau'da, we had much work to come by the boat :

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship ; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship ;

19 And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs,

ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer : for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul ; thou must be brought before Cæ'sar : and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer : for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the time came for Paul to go to Rome ; and he and a number of other prisoners were sent thither by ship, in charge of a centurion and soldiers.

They stopped at a number of places, and at last reached a quiet harbor called Fair Havens. Here Paul tried to persuade the captain of the ship to remain for the winter, as the time for the autumn storms was close at hand, and both the ship and the lives of those in it would be in great danger. But the captain was anxious to reach a larger harbor farther on ; and one day, when the south wind blew softly, he thought he could safely do this, and sailed out into the open sea again.

But soon there arose such a terrible tempest, that the sailors could no longer steer the ship, and the wind drove it along past

an island called Clau'da. There the waves were so great, that they could hardly save the little boat that was fastened behind the ship from being washed away ; and taking it up out of the water, they wound cables or chains underneath and all round the ship, to keep it from breaking to pieces. And next day, being still tossed by the tempest, they threw some of the cargo into the sea, to lighten the ship and save it from sinking ; and the day after, they threw over all the tackling that could be spared.

But when the wind still kept on blowing for many days, and they could see neither sun, moon, nor stars because of the dark clouds, those on board the ship lost all hope of being saved. But Paul stood up, and said, " Sirs, if you had listened to me, you would not have been in this great danger.

But do not be afraid. No man's life shall be lost, only the ship. For this night the angel of the Lord spoke to me saying, 'Fear not Paul, thou shalt come safely before Cæsar, and for thy sake God will save the lives of all the men who are with thee.' Therefore be of good cheer, for, although we shall be wrecked upon an island, I believe that God will yet save our lives."

Questions on the Lesson

1. In whose charge was Paul at last sent to Rome? 2. To what quiet harbor did the ship come on the way? 3. What did Paul try to persuade the captain to do? 4. What reasons did he give? 5. Why did the captain refuse? 6. What happened soon after reaching the open sea? 7. Past what island did the wind drive the ship? 8. What could they hardly save? 9. What did they do to strengthen the ship? 10. What did they throw out of the ship? 11. Why did they do this? 12. What made them lose hope? 13. What did Paul tell them to comfort them? 14. Who had promised this? 15. What would happen to the ship? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The children loved to rummage in Uncle John's great sea-chest,—it held such treasures of shells and stones and curious things from far-away lands. "But this is what I like best of all", murmured Tony, leaning over a little pocket compass, "it seems just like a live thing. You were never afraid of being lost with this in your pocket, were you, Uncle?"

"Often, dear boy; it might show me the

way to go, but it couldn't take me there. So this", said Uncle John, taking a tiny book from his pocket, "was the compass I turned to oftenest in times of trouble." "The Bible!" exclaimed the children. "Yes", answered Uncle reverently, "and never once have I found God's promises to guide and help, fail me."

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me! Amen.

—Hymn 493, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—54. What did Jesus tell His disciples the Holy Spirit would do for them? Jesus said the Holy Spirit would help them to remember and to understand what he had taught them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 30-33.

The Question on Missions

5. What churches are working among the people of Formosa? The English Presbyterian Church, since 1865, in South Formosa, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada since 1872, in North Formosa. In 1895 the Church of Christ in Japan sent a Japanese evangelist; a year or two later the Episcopal Church in Japan sent another.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

We belong to Jesus, as did Paul, because He loved us and died for us, and therefore we, too, should serve Him. Copy the picture.

Whose I am and Whom I Serve

Lesson VI.

PAUL A PRISONER—THE SHIPWRECK November 7, 1909

Acts 27 : 39 to 28 : 10. Study Acts 27 : 27 to 28 : 10—Memory Verses, 28 : 9, 10.

Golden Text—The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants : and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.—Psalm 34 : 22.



39 And when it was day, they knew not the land : but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground ; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose ; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land :

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness : for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt

no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly : but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius ; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux : to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed :

10 Who also honoured us with many honours ; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

THE LESSON RETOLD

For fourteen days the ship which carried Paul was driven up and down by the tempest; and then, as the sailors thought they were near some land, anchors were thrown out to keep the ship from drifting on the rocks. The sailors, afraid that the ship would soon be broken up, were about to try to land in the small boat ; but Paul told the centurion that unless they all remained on the ship, none on board would be saved. So the sailors cut the ropes, and the little boat floated away. Then Paul persuaded them all to take food, for they had been so anxious and full of fear, that they had eaten nothing during all the fourteen days. But Paul told them again that no harm would happen to one of them.

When day was come, they saw an unknown shore close by, with a little bay, into which they determined, if it were possible, to run

the ship. So they took up the anchors, and steered for the bay. But when they reached it, the ship ran aground and the forepart being stuck fast, the waves soon dashed the hinderpart to pieces. Then the soldiers, afraid that their prisoners might escape, advised the centurion to kill them all. But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, forbade this, and commanded that those that could swim, should first cast themselves into the sea. The rest came afterwards, some on boards and some on broken pieces of the ship, and they were soon all safe on dry land.

They found that they had been cast on the island of Melita. The people of the island received them kindly, and kindled a great fire to dry and warm them ; but while Paul was putting a bundle of sticks on the fire, a poisonous snake dropped from it and fastened on his hand. The people looked

on him with horror, thinking he must have done something very wicked, and was being punished in this way. But as Paul shook off the snake and seemed to feel no harm, they then decided he must be a god.

Publius, the chief man of the island, was also kind to the shipwrecked people, and entertained them for three days. Paul cured Publius' father who had been very ill; and other sick people in the island, hearing of the miracle, came and were healed also. To show their gratitude, the islanders gave Paul and his friends presents of whatever they needed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For how many days did the tempest last? 2. Why were the anchors thrown out? 3. What did some sailors try to do? 4. What did Paul tell the centurion? 5. What was then done to the boat? 6. What did Paul beg every one to do? 7. What did they see early next morning? 8. What happened when they tried to reach the bay? 9. Of what were the soldiers afraid? 10. What did they ask the centurion to do? 11. Why did he refuse? 12. What did he tell those who could swim to do? 13. How did the rest reach the shore? 14. What island were they on? 15. How were they received? 16. What strange occurrence made the people think Paul was a god? 17. Who was very kind to the shipwrecked people? 18. What did Paul do for this man's father? 19. Who else came to be healed? 20. How did the islanders show their gratitude? 21. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A little boat was tossing about on a stormy sea, crowded with people. Although these had been saved from the wreck of their vessel, their hearts were still filled with fear at the darkness and the great waves.

But as the wind died down once, a child's voice asked, "Is God here, mother, just the same as on land?" "Yes, dear." "Well, I'm not afraid, then. I'll say my prayers and go to sleep." And as she began, "Now I lay me", the women stopped crying, and the men pulled harder at the oars. The feeling that God was with them made them all braver and happier. And in the morn-

ing, they were all safely rescued by a passing ship.

Lesson Hymn

Star of peace to wanderers weary!
Bright the beams that smile on me!
Cheer the pilot's vision dreary,
Far, far at sea. Amen.

—Hymn 494, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—55. **How may we get the Holy Spirit?** Jesus says that God will give His Holy Spirit to us if we ask Him.

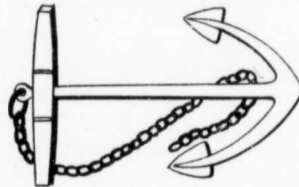
SHORTER CATECHISM—34. *What is adoption?* A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

The Question on Missions

6. Do the heathen of North Formosa seem eager for the gospel? Most of them seem very indifferent. By nature the Chinese are the most conservative of all the peoples of the earth, and dread changes, while their time is so taken up with earning a living, that they claim they have no time to think about anything else.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The ship's anchor keeps the wind from driving it on the rocks in a storm. So, when



we trust Jesus, He holds us safe from the power of temptation. *Copy* the picture.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD RULES THE SEA

Lesson VII.

PAUL A PRISONER—IN ROME

November 14, 1909

Acts 28 : 11-24, 30, 31. Study Acts 28 : 11-31—Memory Verses, 30, 31.

Golden Text—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ : for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.—Romans 1 : 16.



11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexan'dria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Cas'tor and Pol'lux.

12 And landing at Syr'acuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhe'gium : and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Pute'oli :

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days : and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Ap'pii for'um, and The three taverns : whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard : but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together : and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jeru'salem into the hands of the Ro'mans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæ'sar ; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you* : because that for the hope of Is'rael I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received thee, nor shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest : for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging ; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Je'sus, both out of the law of Mo'ses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Je'sus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Paul and the other shipwrecked people remained for three months at Melita, and then they sailed away in a ship which had spent the winter at the island, to Puteoli, a city on the shore of Italy. There they stayed for seven days with some Christian friends, and then journeyed by land towards Rome. When the Christians at Rome heard that Paul was coming, they went out to meet him at a place called the Market of Appius, while a second company met him a little nearer Rome, at The Three Taverns, and when Paul saw them he gave thanks to God for bringing him to them through so many dangers.

When Paul and his friends reached Rome, the centurion gave the prisoners into the care of another officer ; but Paul was allowed to live in a house by himself, with a soldier to guard him. Now, after three days, Paul

called together the chief Jews who lived at Rome, and said to them, "Men and brethren, I have done no wrong to the Jews, nor disobeyed the laws of Moses, and yet the Jews at Jerusalem gave me as a prisoner to the Romans, who, after they had examined me and found that I had done nothing wrong, would have let me go, had not the Jews still wanted to kill me. Then I asked to be taken before Cæsar. Therefore, I have sent for you to see you and explain this, that it is only because I believe in the Saviour of whom the prophets have written, that I am bound with this chain." For one of Paul's wrists was fastened by a chain to the wrist of the soldier who guarded him.

Then the Jews answered, "We have had no letters condemning you, nor have the Jews who have lately come from Jerusalem

spoken any harm of you. Still we would like to hear what it is that you believe, for all we know is that the Christians are everywhere spoken against." So they appointed a day to come to his house, and there Paul taught them from morning till evening what the prophets had written about Jesus. And when some believed and some did not, Paul rebuked those who would not believe.

Paul remained for two years in Rome, in his own house, but guarded by a soldier, and he welcomed all who came to hear him, teaching them about the Lord Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long were the shipwrecked people at Melita? 2. Whither did they sail next? 3. With whom did they stay for seven days? 4. How did they then travel on towards Rome? 5. Where did the Roman Christians come to meet Paul? 6. For what did Paul give thanks? 7. Into whose care did the centurion give his prisoners? 8. What was Paul allowed to do? 9. Whom did he ask to his house after three days? 10. What did he say to these Jews? 11. What did they say they had not heard? 12. What did they ask to hear? 13. What did Paul afterwards teach them? 14. What did he say to those who did not believe? 15. How long was Paul in Rome? 16. How did he occupy his time? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Daisy looked at the little band of tempters before her. There was Molly Tennant's little city cousin, as well as the others, who would think it dreadfully silly, if she didn't give up her Saturday Mission Band just for once. Of course it would be lovely to go sliding on Burke's Hill, and they'd all call her goody-good if she didn't go. But then, if she didn't stick to her colors, who else could be expected to? "No", she said bravely, "I'm secretary, I must go." "Then I'll go with you Daisy", said the little city cousin, "I always do at home." That turned the tide. "Then we'll all go", they decided.

Lesson Hymn

He leadeth me! O blessèd thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!

By His own hand He leadeth me!

His faithful follower I would be,

For by His hand He leadeth me! Amen.

—Hymn 297, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—56. What will the Holy Spirit do for us? The Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts, cleansing them from sin and helping us to be good.

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.

The Question on Missions

7. What proportion of the population of North Formosa is Christian? The population of North Formosa, the district under the care of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, is about 1,000,000, of whom perhaps one in every 150, or 6,500 in all, are nominally Christian.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In the picture we see how Paul, while in Rome, was chained to a soldier, wrist to wrist.



But even then he was busy every day, speaking about Jesus. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD NEVER BE ASHAMED OF
JESUS

Lesson VIII.

PAUL'S STORY OF HIS LIFE

November 21, 1909

2 Corinthians 11 : 22-28 ; 12 : 1-10. Study 2 Corinthians 11 : 21 to 12 : 10—Memory Verses. 24, 25.

Golden Text—He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee : for my strength is made perfect in weakness.—2 Corinthians 12 : 9.



lations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell : or whether out of the body, I cannot tell : God knoweth ;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth ;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such an one will I glory : yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. 6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth : but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or that he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Sa'tan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee : for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake : for when I am weak, then am I strong.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the church at Corinth, which Paul had founded, these were some false teachers, who had become proud of their own position as teachers, and jealous of Paul's. They, therefore, spoke against him, saying that he was a boaster and had no real right to be called an apostle.

So Paul, in a letter to the church, said it was only fair that he should be allowed to tell what he had done and why he had the right to a place amongst the apostles. The false teachers had been boasting that they were true Israelites, descended from Abraham,

22 Are they He'brews ? so *am* I. Are they Is'raelites ? so *am* I. Are they the seed of A'braham ? so *am* I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more ; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep ;

26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren ;

27 *In* weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Ch. 12: 1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations to glory.

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and could therefore teach others about the true God. They said, too, that they were the ministers of Christ, working to bring others to Him. But Paul said that he was just as much an Israelite as these false teachers were, and that he had toiled and suffered far more for Christ's sake than they had ever done.

Times without number he had been beaten, and often he had been imprisoned. Once he had even been stoned. Three times he had been shipwrecked, and in his many long journeys he had been in peril from floods,

robbers and treacherous friends, in peril on the sea, in the wilderness, and in the city. He had often been weary and suffering, hungry, naked and cold; and besides all this, he had to give constant thought and care to the churches he had formed.

"But", said Paul, "it is not proper for me to boast of these things. Rather will I tell you of how more than fourteen years ago, the Lord took me up into paradise and allowed me to hear very wonderful words."

And lest this wonderful vision should make Paul proud and vain, the Lord had sent upon him some bodily weakness or disease, which made him feel how small and insignificant and helpless he was. Three times had Paul prayed that this trouble might be taken from him, but although God had not answered Paul's prayer, He had so helped him to bear his pain, and had so upheld and strengthened him in many other ways, that Paul said that he could truly rejoice in what he had been called on to suffer for Christ's sake.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who in the church at Corinth were jealous of Paul? 2. What did they say against him? 3. To whom did Paul, therefore, write a letter? 4. What did he say it was only fair that he should do? 5. Of what had the false teachers been boasting? 6. What answer did Paul make to them? 7. What had been done to him, times without number? 8. How often had he been shipwrecked? 9. Tell of other dangers in which Paul had been. 10. How had he often felt? 11. What care, besides, had he upon him? 12. What did Paul say he would rather tell than boast of what he had done and suffered? 13. What wonderful vision had he seen? 14. What had kept him from becoming vain of this? 15. How many times had Paul prayed to have the trouble removed? 16. What had God done for him instead? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.

*We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;*

We praise Thee and confess Thee

Our holy Lord and King. Amen.

Hymn 100, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—57. **Where do all our good thoughts and desires come from?** The Holy Spirit puts good thoughts and desires into our hearts. 58. **In what other ways is the Holy Spirit our Helper?** The Holy Spirit helps us in our study of the Bible and in prayer.

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.

The Question on Missions

8. How many baptized Christians are there in North Formosa? The number reported at the end of 1908 was 2,130 adults, and 681 children. Of these, 93 adults and 126 children were baptized during 1908.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

A bundle of rods, like the one in the picture (copy), with an ax bound up in it, was carried before a Roman magistrate, as a sign of



authority. Paul was three times beaten with rods like these. It was because he was faithful to Jesus. So must we be faithful, even if we suffer for it.

I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD ASK JESUS FOR STRENGTH

Lesson IX.

**PAUL ON SELF-DENIAL—WORLD'S
TEMPERANCE LESSON**

November 28, 1909

Romans 14 : 10-21—Memory Verses, 19, 20.

Golden Text—It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth.—Romans 14 : 21.



10 But why dost thou judge thy brother ? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother ? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, *As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more : but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Je'sus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself : but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of :

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.
19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure ; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Paul was in Corinth, on one of his Missionary Journeys, he wrote a letter to the Christians in Rome. In this letter, he said that Jesus was the Lord both of those Christians who had died and gone to heaven, and of those who were still living on the earth.

At the last day, Paul went on to say, each one would have to stand before Jesus, and give an account of how he himself had lived. So, instead of spending their time criticizing and judging others, Christians should ask themselves if they were living exactly as they should.

Now there were certain meats, which were first offered to idols before being sold. Many of the Jewish Christians thought it wrong to use these for food, whilst others thought that there was no harm in doing so.

But Paul said that even those who thought

there was no harm in the meat should not eat it, if their example was likely to lead some one else to do what he thought was wrong. Christians should be so filled with love to their fellow men, that they would be willing to deny themselves even those things which they thought quite right, for the sake of saving others from doing wrong. It should not matter to them what they ate or drank, so long as they served God and helped those about them, and it was only by acting in this way that they could hope to please God.

"Remember", Paul said, "how Jesus died on the cruel cross to save all people. And if He suffered so for the sake of others, it ought to be easy for us to give up anything that will be a temptation to any of those round about us.

Paul wrote also about the use of wine. He told the Christians in Rome, that those who were trying to be followers of Jesus, ought not to use wine, if their example would lead others to become drunkards.

Questions on the Lesson

1. From what city did Paul write a letter to the Christians in Rome? 2. Who, did he say, was the Lord of all Christians? 3. To whom would each one have to give an account at the last day? 4. About whose deeds would he have to tell? 5. What, therefore, should Christians not do? 6. What did many Jewish Christians think it wrong to buy and eat? 7. What did others think? 8. How did Paul say these should act? 9. What did he say Jesus had done to save all people? 10. Why should they not use wine? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"That Douglas Home's a sissy!" cried Harold angrily, flinging off his outside things after his afternoon play. "We should have just pitched him from Clark's barn into the snowbank, when he was too much of a coward to jump in himself. Every one of the other fellows did it without turning a hair."

"I'm afraid I don't see much to boast of in doing such a silly and dangerous thing", said mother quietly, "and for my part, I consider Douglas the bravest one of you all." Harold stared. "Yes", said his mother, "I was at their house when Douglas came running in to ask if he might go out and play with you boys; and his mother gave him permission, on condition that he did not jump in the snow and get wet, for he had nearly choked to death from croup last night. So I think that he was a little hero, to refuse to do a forbidden thing, just because you scorned and teased him so." And Harold, remembering just how much Douglas had really stood, began to think so too.

Lesson Hymn

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

Poor in spirit would I be—

Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—59. **What warning is given us in the Bible about the Holy Spirit?** The Bible tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit. 60. **How may we grieve the Holy Spirit?** All sinful thoughts, words, or actions grieve the Holy Spirit.

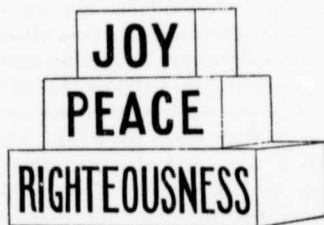
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 34-36.

The Question on Missions

9. What are some of the difficulties of Formosa Christians? Formosa Christians are but recent converts from heathenism. In many homes where there are Christians, there are also heathen, in not a few of these the heathen are the more numerous. Then, the Formosa Christian meets with superstitious, dead, lying heathenism at every turn.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Very beautiful is a monument built of pure white marble blocks. But such a monument



is not nearly so beautiful as our lives may be, if we let Jesus put into them righteousness and peace and joy. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE SELF-DENYING

2 Corinthians 8 : 1-15—Memory Verse, 9.

Golden Text—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20 : 35.



1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedo'nia ;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves ;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

6 Insomuch that we desired Ti'tus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Je'sus

Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give *my* advice : for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing *of it* ; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened :

14 But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be* a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Several years before Paul wrote his letter to the Christians in Corinth, from which today's Lesson is taken, he had promised to gather money to help the poor Christians in Judea, who were suffering terrible want and distress at that time. Paul had already collected a good deal of money from the churches in Philippi and other towns in Macedonia, and also from the churches of Ephesus and the country round about. A year before, Titus, one of Paul's helpers, had gone to Corinth, and had begun to take up a collection there also, but, for some reason, it had never been finished ; so now Paul sent Titus to Corinth again, and urged the people to give as much as they could.

Paul spoke of how well the churches in Macedonia had done. The people there were very, very poor—so poor that it might seem quite beyond their power to give even the smallest amount, and yet they were so filled with joy and thankfulness for the gospel which God had sent to them, that they gave willingly and gladly more than Paul knew they were able to do ; and they not only gave money to help their still poorer brethren in Judea, but also gave their own lives to the Lord.

"So", Paul said, "this experience encourages me to ask Titus to go amongst you and finish the collection he had begun. You are blessed with all the other Christian

graces", he added, "you have faith and knowledge, you are able to teach others, and are ready for every duty, so see that you add also the grace of giving. I am not commanding you to do this, but only asking you to prove your love to God, by your giving, as these others who have been so willing, have done. Even the Lord Jesus Himself became poor, that we might be made rich by the blessings He gives us."

Paul then once more urged the Christians in Corinth to finish the collection they had begun a year before. Even if some of them were not able to give very much, the offering would still be pleasing to God, if only it were given with a willing heart.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had Paul promised to do for the poor Christians in Judea? 2. In what churches had he already taken up collections? 3. Who had begun to take up a collection in the church at Corinth? 4. What did Paul now urge? 5. How long before had this beginning been made? 6. What did he tell about the churches in Macedonia? 7. What had they done besides giving money? 8. What had this experience encouraged Paul to do? 9. With what Christian graces had the Corinthian church been blessed? 10. What did Paul say they should add? 11. What example had Jesus given them? 12. How would their gift be pleasing to God? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Each little girl in Miss Blake's class was to bring a doll to sell at the hospital bazaar. "Mine cost two dollars before it was dressed", announced Dorothy May, proudly. "Well, I've brought three", said Polly Smith, more proudly still. Then she turned condescendingly to the little girl in the faded dress beside her. "What's yours like,

Tilly?" "Mine's just—just made of corn cob", faltered Tilly. "Why, the very idea! You don't suppose they'll sell, do you?"

But they did sell, the very first thing, Tilly's half-dozen quaint little corn cob ladies, with corn floss hair and corn husk dresses. "And I was ashamed to bring them", said Tilly, with shining eyes. "It isn't always the costly things that count, dear", said her teacher.

Lesson Hymn

Thy face with reverence and with love
We in Thy poor would see;
O may we minister to them,
And in them, Lord, to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 425, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE GENEROUS IN GIVING

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—61. **How may we please the Holy Spirit?** We may please the Holy Spirit by doing what He puts into our hearts.

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.

The Question on Missions

10. Does the missionary not meet with many discouragements? Disappointments we may meet, and have met. But these should never discourage the Lord's servants. Formosa Christians have their imperfections and shortcomings, but there are many of them who seem growing in Christlikeness from day to day.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

More blessed to give than to receive

These words (*color*) were spoken by the blessed Lord Jesus Himself; who showed us how to give, by giving Himself for us.

2 Timothy 4 : 1-8, 16-18. Study 2 Timothy 4 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 6-8.

Golden Text—For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—Philippians 1 : 21.



1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Je'sus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom ;

2 Preach the word ; be instant in season, out of season ; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine ; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears ;

4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith :

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me : I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me ; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gen'tiles might hear : and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly king : to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Of all Paul's friends, one of those he loved most dearly was the young disciple named Timothy, whom he found at Lystra, when he first began preaching the gospel. When Paul saw what a good Christian Timothy was, and how well he knew the scriptures, he asked him to go with him in his missionary travels ; and ever since then, Timothy had been with Paul almost constantly, helping him with the Lord's work, and doing for him everything that a loving and faithful friend and companion could do.

So, when Paul was a prisoner in Rome, and felt sure that he was going to be put to death, he wished to have his " dear son", Timothy as he called him, with him. But Timothy was far away just then on some important business ; so Paul wrote, asking him to come as quickly as possible ; and this, his last letter to his young friend, is full of loving words of counsel and advice.

He solemnly charged Timothy to be faithful in preaching the gospel, and in all the work of the ministry. He was not to shrink from reproving or rebuking wrongdoers, for the time would soon come when people would not listen to the gospel of Christ, but seek out preachers who would encourage them in their sinful pleasures and ways. So Timothy was to be earnest and watchful of every opportunity to carry on his work, and to be willing to endure all things in the Master's service.

As for Paul himself, his work was nearly done. " I have fought a good fight", he said, " I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ; and so there is waiting for me in heaven a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give, not to me only, but to all those also who love and serve Him."

Paul then spoke to Timothy of his different friends ; and, since he was now alone, but for

Luke the beloved physician, he begged Timothy to come to him as soon as he could. Recently at his trial before the Roman Emperor, his friends had all forsaken him; yet he was upheld and strengthened by the Lord, who saved him, as one rescued from the mouth of a lion. "And I know", said Paul, "that the Lord will still keep me from every evil, until I come safely into His heavenly kingdom."

This letter to Timothy was the very last letter that Paul ever wrote; for, soon after, the cruel Emperor Nero commanded the brave old apostle to be put to death, and so he went to be with Jesus in heaven.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What young disciple did Paul greatly love? 2. How had Timothy helped Paul? 3. What did Paul wish when he felt he was soon to die? 4. Where was Timothy? 5. What did Paul write to him? 6. What did he solemnly charge him? 7. What must he not shrink from doing? 8. Why would this be necessary? 9. What must he be willing to do? 10. What did Paul say of his own life? 11. What reward would he receive? 12. Of whom did Paul then speak? 13. Why did he beg Timothy to come quickly to him? 14. What had happened at his trial? 15. Who had upheld him? 16. What did Paul say the Lord would still do? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The twins were having a birthday at grandfather's, and old Joe was planting two maple trees to mark the day. "That one", he said, pointing to a magnificent maple, "was one I planted for your father, when he was a little boy. 'An' I hope you'll grow as straight and good as this promises to be', I told him. You see, boys are mighty like trees. God started you well with good sound bodies, and He wants you to make the best of them for Him. You can turn out like your daddy did, as straight and strong as that maple, or you can turn out crooked like that old beech tree yonder." As Joe went on with his digging, it was the beautiful maple tree that the boys decided they would try to be like.

Lesson Hymn

What though the tempest rage,
Heaven is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heaven is my home:
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heaven is my home. Amen.

—Hymn 342, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—62. What is a Christian? A Christian is one who loves and follows Jesus Christ. **63. What does following Jesus Christ mean?** To follow Jesus Christ is to trust and obey 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.

The Question on Missions

11. Do Formosa children learn to love Jesus? Amongst our native pastors, evangelists and students, there are those who were born and brought up in Christian homes, and who never burned an incense stick before an idol. From their earliest recollection they have always believed in Jesus as their Redeemer.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Only kings and queens wear crowns on earth, and these crowns will not last for-



ever. But in heaven every one, who loves and serves Jesus, will wear a crown that will never perish. *Copy* the drawing

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS OFFERS ME A CROWN

Lesson XII.

REVIEW

December 19, 1909

Golden Text—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.—2 Timothy 4 : 7.

GOLDEN TEXTS FOR THE QUARTER. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 48-64 (Question 64 is given below). SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 30-38. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER (Question 12 is given below). SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN, 562, BOOK OF PRAISE.

Paul a Prisoner

The story of the Quarter's Lessons has been about Paul a Prisoner. Let us recall some of the things told in this wonderful story.

Lesson I. In what city was Paul made a prisoner? In what building was he? Who wished to kill him? By whom was he rescued? Where was he imprisoned?

Lesson II. Who made a plot against Paul? What did they intend to do? Who told of the plot? Whither was Paul taken?

Lesson III. Before what Roman governor did Paul preach? In what city? Why was Felix afraid at Paul's words? Where was Paul left when Felix went back to Rome?

Lesson IV. What new governor came to Cæsarea? Who was the king that came to visit him? What did Festus say to Paul? What did King Agrippa say?

Lesson V. In whose charge was Paul sent to Rome? Where did the ship stop first? When the storm came, who told Paul that all on board would be saved?

Lesson VI. On what island were Paul and his companions cast? How did the people treat them? What did Paul do for many on the island?

Lesson VII. For whom did Paul send, when he came to Rome? How long did he remain in that city? What did he do all this time?

Lesson VIII. To whom did Paul write the story of his life? Tell some of the things that he had suffered.

Lesson IX. To what Christians did Paul write a letter from Corinth? What did he write to them about the use of wine?

Lesson X. For whom did Paul gather money? Whom did he send to make a collection in Corinth? Why did the Lord Jesus become poor?

Lesson XI. From what place did Paul write his last letter to Timothy? What did Paul feel sure would soon happen to him? What did he say Jesus would give to him?

Lesson Hymn

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

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—64. Can a little child be a Christian? Yes. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me,

and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

The Question on Missions

12. Has the religion of Jesus benefited children in North Formosa? Yes. They have learned to believe in, and love, Jesus as their Saviour, are learning, from His life, to live nobler lives themselves, and enjoy the hope of heaven. Christian parents are learning to love and care for girls equally with boys. More and more, too, they are giving up the cruel practice of footbinding.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

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. Paul a Prisoner—The Arrest.</p>	<p>LESSON VI. Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Paul a Prisoner—The Plot.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Paul a Prisoner—In Rome.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Paul a Prisoner—Before Felix.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Paul's Story of his Life.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Paul a Prisoner—Before Festus and Agrippa.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Paul on Self Denial.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Paul a Prisoner—The Voyage.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Paul on the Grace of Giving.</p>
<p>LESSON XI. Paul's Last Words.</p>	

Matthew 2 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—And thou shalt call his name Jesus : for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matthew 1 : 21.



1 Now when Je'sus was born in Beth'lehem of Judæ'a in the days of Her'od the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jeru'salem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Her'od the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jeru'salem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Beth'lehem of Judæ'a : for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Beth'lehem, *in the land of Ju'da*, art not the least among the princes of Ju'da : for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Is'rael.

7 Then Her'od, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Beth'lehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young

child ; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed ; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Ma'ry his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him : and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts ; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream, that they should not return to Her'od, they departed into their own country another way.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At the time when God had promised that Jesus should be born, there came to Jerusalem a company of men from some far-off Eastern country, who asked the people, saying, "Where is He that is to be born King of the Jews ? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.

God had sent a star that shone over the land where these Wise Men lived, so that they might know that Jesus was born, and they had come to Jerusalem seeking Him. But when they reached there, they could not find Jesus and so they asked the people where they might find Him.

Herod, who was king in Jerusalem, heard what these men were seeking, and was troubled because they called Jesus a King. He

was afraid that the Child which was born might some day be made king over Judea instead of himself ; so he also wanted to know where Jesus was, and gathered together many learned men, and asked them to tell him where the Christ should be born. They answered, "In the city of Bethlehem ; for so the prophet Micah has written."

Then Herod called the Wise Men to him and said, "Go and look diligently for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I may come and worship Him also." But he said this only because he wanted to find Jesus and put Him to death.

Then the Wise Men left Jerusalem, and went towards Bethlehem ; and as they went, the star which they had seen in their own

land appeared to them again. And they were filled with joy, for it moved on before them and showed them the way, till it came and stood over the house where Jesus was, with Mary, His mother, And they went into the house, and bowed down and worshiped Him. And they presented rich gifts to Jesus of things which were precious in their own land,—gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Then God spoke to them in a dream, and commanded them not to go back to Herod ; so they returned to their own country by another way. And so the wicked and cruel king failed in his plot to kill the babe Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Jerusalem at the time when Jesus was to be born ? 2. What did they ask ? 3. Who heard of this ? 4. Why was he afraid ? 5. When did Herod ask about Jesus ? 6. What was he told ? 7. What did Herod then say to the Wise Men ? 8. Why was he anxious to find Jesus ? 9. What did the Wise Men see again on the road to Bethlehem ? 10. Whither did the star lead them ? 11. What did the Wise Men do when they found Jesus ? 12. What gifts did they bring Him ? 13. What did God tell them in a dream ? 14. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"Oh!" cried Gretta, "who are you?" For there, at the bottom of her bed, sat the funniest little roly-poly man you ever saw. "I am the Spirit of Christmas", he said,

"and I'm going round this Christmas Eve, trying to regulate giving, a little better. Now, for instance, what are you going to give that rich little girl friend of yours—Dorothy White?" "Wh-y", stammered Gretta, "she gave me such a lovely present last year, I'm going to —"

"Exactly", interrupted the little man, "you needn't say anything more. And little lame Lucy that lives down the lane?" "Oh", cried Gretta, "I quite forgot." "Always the way", sighed the little man; "but now that I've drawn your attention to it, perhaps you can re-arrange your gifts according to the true spirit of Christmas." And although Gretta knew it was all a dream, her best gifts next day were not to her well-off friends, but to the poor and needy.

Lesson Hymn

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day THAT JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



Many miles across the desert came the Wise Men to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. He is now in heaven, but He loves to have the children, as well as the grown children worship Him. Copy the picture by putting a very thin piece of paper over it and using lead pencil.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name..... Address.....

Name of Sabbath School..... Teacher's Name.....

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