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GOOD-NIGHT (SEE THIRD PAGE.)

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 8.] JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH. [FEB. 25.

Luke 4. 16-30.

GOLDEN TEXT—He came unto his own, and his own received him not.—John 1. 11.

MEMORY VERSES, 17-19.—And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

We learn that Jesus in his ministry aroused much interest, and great good came to those who believed on him. The people of Nazareth—his old home—had heard of the wonderful things which he did, and no doubt were very glad to have him come to their town. When the Sabbath came he went to the synagogue, just as when he was a boy, and we may be sure there was a great crowd to see and hear him.

When the time came to read the law, he took the roll of the prophet Isaiah, and began to read the wonderful words about himself which the prophet had written so many hundreds of years before. Then he sat down and explained the meaning of the words. He said they were fulfilled that day in himself. Is it not strange that the people tried to cast him down a steep hill because he told them the truth?

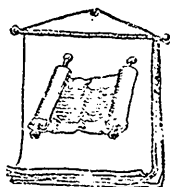
LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. To what place did Jesus come?
To Nazareth.
2. Where did he go on the Sabbath?
To the synagogue.
3. What did he read?
He read from the prophecy of Isaiah.
4. What did he then do?
He explained the Scripture he had read.
5. Who would not believe him?
The people.

6. What did he have to do?

Leave them in their unbelief.

The Lord is among us,
His voice we may hear;
Let all little children
Who love him come near.



GOOD-NIGHT.

Mamma loosens the baby's frock,
And takes off each little shoe and sock,
And softly brushes the golden hair,
And pats the shoulders, dimpled and bare,
And puts on the night-gown, white and long,
Humming the while an evening song:

“Day-time is over,

Play-time is closing,

Even the clover is nodding and dozing.

Baby's bed shall be soft and white;

Dear little boy, good-night, good-night!”

Mamma kisses the pink little feet,
And the tiny hands, so dimpled and sweet,
The rosy cheeks and the forehead white,
And the lips that prattle from morn till night.
With a last fond kiss for the golden crown,
Gently and softly she lays him down;
And in the hush that the twilight brings
She stands by her darling's bed and sings:

“Over the billow

Soft winds are sighing;

Round baby's pillow

Bright dreams are flying.

Here comes a pretty one, sure to alight;

Dear little boy, good-night, good-night!”



JESUS THE SAVIOUR.

Little Nell loved to go to church. She could not understand quite all the white-haired pastor said ; but he was a real pastor, and never forgot that all about the big church the little lambs nestled. Always he had some sweet word from Jesus just for them. But this Sunday morning Nell drew back at the church door, and tugged at her tall papa's coat until he bent down to her. Then she whispered : " Papa, please ask that poor man to come in church ; I think ' Jesus wants him to." Nell's papa went up to the ragged, wretched-looking man, and told him just his little girl's words. The man looked into his face. " Do you think Jesus wants me ? " he asked. " Yes, " said the gentleman, and held out his hand, and the beggar did go into the beautiful church. He would only sit on the last seat, but the pastor's text was Jesus' own beautiful words : " Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." And the sin-sick man, like a child goes to its mother, went to Jesus. Even little children sometimes are so naughty that they feel like hiding away from Jesus. Always they are the ones the Good Shepherd is seeking.