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## Baby's Laugh

Baby's face is like a flower,  
Baby's smile's divine ;  
Baby's hair is a golden shower,  
His eyes are stars ashine.  
Baby's charms all seem to be  
Like to treasures rare ;  
But unto what on land or sea  
Can Baby's laugh compare?

Like roses set to rhyme,  
Like bluebells all a-chime,  
Like rippling rills, and tinkling trills, and  
flowers of sunny clime,  
Like bird-notes clear and free,  
Like murmurs of the sea,  
Like purling streams, and happy dreams is  
Baby's laugh to me.

—Carolyn Wells

## Some of Jesus' Friends

### III. THREE COMRADES

The three comrades were fishermen, and when Jesus called them to be His friends and followers, Peter was casting a fishing-net into the sea. James and John, a little farther along the shore, were mending their nets. Just as soon as Jesus called them, they arose and left everything behind them and followed him. And they followed Him faithfully to the end of their days.

Peter and James and John were the nearest to Jesus of all His disciples and followers. It was they who were alone with Him in the chamber when He brought back to life again the little girl who had died. They were the only ones of His disciples who were with

Him on the mountain when He was transfigured, and His face and His garments shone with heavenly light ; and it was they whom He took with Him into the Garden that night when He was in such agony.

After Jesus had gone back to heaven, these three faithful friends preached boldly that He was the Son of God, and the Saviour. Multitudes became Christians through their preaching, but they had many enemies. James and Peter were slain with the sword, and John, who lived to be a very old man, was banished to a lonely island, and suffered many things for Jesus' sake.

## Helen's Prayers

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

"I'm not going to say my prayers any more", announced Helen Ross at the breakfast table, "I never get a thing I ask for." She had made the remark before that morning, creating quite a sensation in the nursery, so she was rather taken aback when her mother didn't seem a bit shocked, and only asked quietly what she had prayed for that she didn't get.

"Well, I've prayed for a pony every night for ages, and I haven't got one."

"Suppose, Teddy", replied her mother, "asked me if he might carry Baby downstairs, would I let him?"

"Why no, he's too little, he'd let her drop."

"It wouldn't be very wise of me, or very kind, if I let him, no matter how often he asked, would it? Now God is much wiser, and much kinder than I can ever be, and

there may be other reasons why you shouldn't have a pony; but even mother knows it wouldn't be wise or kind to send people a pony who haven't a stable to keep it in, and who couldn't afford to build one. Father has a hard enough time getting food and clothes for all of us, and he couldn't possibly manage to keep a pony. And now what else, little girl, have you asked for, that you didn't get?"

"I asked that I'd get perfect marks for my spelling, and I had three mistakes!"

"Did you study extra hard?" "No, I didn't study them at all."

"I don't think my little girl ought even to expect to have a prayer like that answered", said Mrs. Ross, gravely. "God answers prayers, but He expects us to do our part. Mary gets us our breakfast every morning, but we have to come down and eat it. If you had really done *your* part, I think God would have helped you."

"And now, suppose we try to find out a few prayers He *has* answered. What words did you say last night?"

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;

Bless Thy little lamb to-night;

Through the darkness be Thou near me;

Watch my sleep till morning light."

"Were you warm and comfortable all night?" "Why yes, mother, of course."

"Dr. Brown told me the other day of a little boy he went to see in this city. He found him lying on a pile of rags on the floor. There was scarcely any fire in the room, and he just had a thin old skirt over him. God certainly has blessed you, and taken care of you, too. What do you think now, Helen, about never getting anything you ask for?"

Helen hung her head. She was a thoughtful little girl, and was already ashamed of her silly speech.

"I really don't think I meant it, mother, and I won't ever say it again, 'cause it isn't very grateful, when God is so good to me."

St. John, N.B.

### Bible Stories the Best

By Professor Frederick Tracy, Ph.D.

Of course, all Bible stories do not stand on the same level. All are not equally

suitable for children. Some are not suitable at all. And some that are suitable for a child of one age, would not be suitable for a child of another age. But, allowing for this, it is still true that we have, in the stories of the Bible, the very best material for the spiritual instruction of the young child.

First of all, these stories, above all others, are simple, artless, and straightforward. They are not clogged by theories. There is in them no posing, or striving for effect. There is no obvious effort to teach truth; hence they teach truth all the better. "A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living", etc. Read the story through, note the exceeding simplicity of the language, and the utter absence of all studied moralizing; and ask yourself whether this is not one reason why the story has exercised so magical a power over the human heart in all the ages since its first telling. In this respect the story resembles Him who first told it; in its simplicity and directness lies one of the secrets of its power.

Again, Bible stories are the best because they are so *true*. By this I do not mean that they confine themselves to the *facts*. I rather mean that they are in harmony with the deepest realities in the nature of man, and in his religious experience. They would seem to have been specially designed to force home to the heart the great guiding principles of the higher life.

This absolute truthfulness of the Bible story carries with it a candor that is sometimes embarrassing. It never obscures the distinction between right and wrong. Even at the risk of giving offence to sensitive ears, it calls things by their right names. Vices are never permitted to go about disguised as virtues, as is too often the case in our modern literature.

Again, the Bible story puts no premium upon mere worldly wisdom. It is quite true that the heroes of these stories sometimes prospered in worldly matters, but it is never made to appear that the heaping up of riches, or the attainment of honors and distinctions, is the greatest thing in the



world. On the contrary, it is always made perfectly clear that character is the greatest thing, and that poverty and obscurity, with virtue and godliness, are more to be desired than wealth and honors without them. And the heroes of these stories are persons who, when they accomplished anything worth while, did it in the strength of the Lord their God, and who, when they failed, did so because they turned aside from Him, trusted in the arm of flesh, and sought some end other than His glory.

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### Brown Betty

"Mama, I don't like Mrs. Parks at all", said Betty. "I never want to see her again."

"Why, Betty, what makes you say such a naughty thing?" said Mama. "Mrs. Parks is so nice to you, and bakes little pies and doughnuts for your tea parties. I am sorry to hear you say such an unkind thing."

"Well, Mama, she said a naughty thing, too", said Betty. "This morning when I went to take her Rex home, I heard her say something bad about me. She was talking to Mrs. Grove about me, and she said I was bad."

"You certainly must be mistaken, dear. I am sure Mrs. Parks would not say you were naughty." "Yes, but she did, Mama", said the little girl, positively. "She said Betty as plain as anything two or three times. I couldn't help hearing. She said I was bad, and not worth anything."

"If you do not want to go to see Mrs. Parks, you need not", said her Mama, "but I still think you are mistaken. Didn't she see you bring Rex back?" "No. I didn't say a word, but ran home as fast as possible. I never, never want to go to her house again."

For a whole week Betty did not see Mrs. Parks, and she had a sore place in her little heart to think that her dear friend would say such unkind things about her.

"How do you do?" said Mrs. Parks, one day, coming into the kitchen where Betty was wiping dishes for her Mama, with a little round pan in her hand. "I have brought

you a Brown Betty. I made one several weeks ago for you; but it turned out bad and worthless, so I had to throw it away. I think you will find this one all right."

"A Brown Betty?" said Betty with wide-open eyes, and her mouth watered for the toothsome dish; "I thought you meant *me* the day you talked to Mrs. Grove."

"And that is why you have not been to see me?" asked Mrs. Parks, when Betty confessed. "Why didn't you tell me about it, dear?"

"I thought you didn't like me any more", said Betty shyly. "Next time I won't be so naughty. The Brown Betty will help me remember."—Selected

### A Good Plan

By Rev. P. M. MacDonald, M.A.

A little girl who was beginning to find that the horses of her temper were running away too often, and that the corrections of her parents were not enough to keep her watchful, came to her mother one day and suggested a plan that would make her "mind" to be good. "Mother, dear", she said, "I get cross and naughty when I should not. I know it is very wrong and I am sorry when I do it, but I forget so soon, when I say I'll be good. Now, mother, I have a plan to tell you about. I think it will help, because it is about things I often want. After I have been bad I want you to refuse me the things I like best to eat. You know them: cucumbers and candy and ice cream and all the rest. Just remember my plan and don't give me these things, if I have been bad. Do you think the plan is a good one, mother?"

The mother was pleased with the child's interest in her own moral growth, and said it was a good plan and she would remember to go by it.

Three sunny days passed, and the temper horses had not bolted once. In the evening the little self-reformer said, "Mother, you did not have to refuse me the things I like to eat, so far, did you?" "No, dear", said the mother, "and I am happy that I did not have to refuse you. I hope my dear will find other good plans to help her to be good."

"Well, mother", was the reply, "I'm

going to tell you why I have this plan. You must know I want to be good, not because I may get the things I like to eat, but because I wish to please you, and so I planned about the eatables just to help me to remember. I'm not keeping good to get *them*, but when I think about them, I remember *you*. If I get naughty and lose my goodies, and I hope I won't, I'll say, 'That is bad enough, but what is worse, I have done wrong and disappointed mother.' You know, when one tries to be good, they need all the help they can get to remind them they are trying."

This good plan was adopted some time ago, and the little girl has not once missed her table delights since she began to follow it.

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#### The Blossoming Flower

When I looked and laughed into baby's eyes,  
And a seed of love had planted,

In a little while

An answering smile

Was the blossoming flower I wanted.

—Youth's Companion

#### How to Teach the Hymn

By Miss E. M. Russell

In teaching Hymn 540, Book of Praise, "When, His salvation bringing" (see Lesson IX.), after the children have become familiar with the air and can hum it with the piano, I should tell the story very simply, like this:—

Once, when Jesus and His disciples were going to Jerusalem, they stopped near the little village of Bethphage. While they rested, Jesus sent two of His disciples on an errand. He told them to go on to the village, and there they would find a colt tied,—a colt that no one had ever ridden on. He told them to untie the colt and bring it to Him, and if any one asked why they took the colt they were to say,—“The Lord needs it.”

Do you think the disciples were glad to do this errand for Jesus? Yes, I am sure they were. Off they started, and found the colt just where Jesus told them. As they were untying it, the man who owned it said, “What are you doing with my colt?” Can you tell me what the disciples said? Yes;

and as soon as the owner heard that, he said, “If Jesus needs it, you are welcome to it.”

So the disciples brought the colt to Jesus, and spread their cloaks on its back instead of a saddle. Jesus mounted, and rode on towards,—where did I tell you He was going? Yes, Jerusalem, or Zion, as it was sometimes called.

By this time a crowd of people had gathered, and when they saw Jesus riding on the colt like a king, they took off their cloaks and spread them on the ground as a carpet. Those who had no cloaks broke branches off the trees, and spread them along the road for Jesus to ride over. They all shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna to the Son of David!”

When the people in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming, they hurried out to meet Him. The children went too. They broke branches from the palm trees, and joined the procession. Some went before, and some followed after, waving their branches and shouting “Hosanna!”, which was their way of saying, “Praise the Lord!” The voices of the children rang out sweet and clear, as they sang their hosannas.

Do you think Jesus liked to hear the children singing? Yes, I am sure He did. The hymn tells us about it (v. 1).

“When, His salvation bringing,

To Zion Jesus came,

The children all stood singing

Hosanna to His name;

Nor did their zeal offend Him,

But, as He rode along,

He bade them still attend Him,

And smiled to hear their song.”

Where is Jesus now? In the heavenly Zion, do you think He still loves the children? Yes, and He loves to hear them singing just as much as when He rode into Jerusalem so long ago.

The last verse of the hymn tells us that Jesus wants not only the praise of our lips, but of our hearts as well (v. 3).

“But shall we only render

The tribute of our words?

No! while our hearts are tender,

They too shall be the Lord's.”

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## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1910

[NOTE—As this is the holiday season and the weather warm, let the teacher plan to make the entire service specially attractive, so that the children who are not away on holiday, may desire to be at School each Sunday. Always have flowers, and talk of them, as well as sing about them. Hymns 509, 510, 512, 514, 515, Book of Praise, are suggested as suitable to select from.]

I. ALL RECITE. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

II. PRAYER HYMN, sung very softly to Tune 154, Book of Praise.

Father, hear Thy little children,	Father, make us pure and holy,
While to Thee we pray ;	Teach us to be good ;
Asking for Thy loving blessing	Show us how to love each other
On this day.	As we should.

III. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse, and repeat, Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Words of Blessing, Matt. 5: 1-12. For those under eleven, A Child and the Scriptures, 2 Tim. 3: 14, 15. (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.)

IV. PRAYER. Especially remembering to thank God for flowers, and other beautiful things around us.

V. SINGING, Hymn 539, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

Hosanna ! loud hosanna,	From Olivet they followed
The little children sang ;	'Midst an exultant crowd
Through pillared court and temple	The victor palm-branch waving,
The lovely anthem rang	And shouting clear and loud.
To Jesus who had blessed them,	Bright angels joined the chorus,
Close folded to His breast :	Beyond the cloudless sky,—
The children sang their praises,	'Hosanna in the highest !
The simplest and the best.	Glory to God on high !

VI. OFFERING. Let the children move round the room, and drop their offerings in the basket as they pass a given point. Sing or recite :

Give ! said the little stream,  
Give, O give, give, O give ;  
Give ! said the little stream  
As it hurried down the hill.  
I'm small I know,  
But wherever I go  
The fields are greener still.

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. One or more of the nature Hymns already suggested.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN.

XI. PRAYER. The Lord's Prayer in concert.

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS ETC., AND DISMISSAL.

## PICTURES OF THE KINGDOM

July 3, 1910

Matthew 13 : 31-33, 44-52—\*Memory Verse, 44.

**Golden Text**—The kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14 : 17.



31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field :

32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds : but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them ; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field ; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls :

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind :

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world : the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire : there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Je'sus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things ? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus told His disciples a story about the tiniest of all seeds—a mustard seed. When it is planted, it grows and grows, until it becomes such a large plant that birds come and build their nests in its branches. So is it with the kingdom of God, said Jesus. It may be very small at first, but it will keep on growing until it covers the whole world.

Jesus told another story, too, about a woman who was making bread. She put in a little leaven, and it spread and spread until it reached to every part of the bread. This meant that wherever people learned about Jesus, their whole lives would be made better

and happier. In two other stories, Jesus taught that the blessings He had to give were worth more than anything else in the world. One story was about a treasure which a man found in a field, and he was so anxious to get the precious thing, that he sold all that he had, to buy the field in which it was buried. The other story was about a merchant who was looking for beautiful pearls to buy. At last he found one that was larger and more beautiful than any he had ever seen before, and he, too, sold everything that he had in order to get this most precious pearl of all.

One more story He told about fishermen

\*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.

who let down their net into the sea. Then when it was full they dragged it slowly back to the shore. Some of the fish which they found in it were good, and these they gathered into baskets to keep; but the bad ones were thrown away. So, at the last day, the good people will be taken to heaven to be safe and happy forever, while all the wicked people will be cast out and punished.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To what seed did Jesus liken the kingdom of God? 2. To what did this tiny seed grow? 3. Why was the kingdom of God like this seed? 4. To what did Jesus next compare the kingdom of heaven? 5. What story did He tell about a treasure? 6. What story about a pearl merchant? 7. How did fishermen fish with a net? 8. What two kinds of fish were taken in the net? 9. What was done with each kind? 10. What like this would happen at the end of the world? 11. What question did Jesus then ask His disciples? 12. What did Jesus tell them they must do? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Billy Tyrrel has everything a boy could wish for", pouted James Bryson. "Billy gets nothing until he has earned it, I've heard", answered James' mother, "and that means hard work."

James and Billy soon got to be good friends, and James found that his mother was right. There was no pony and cart, if Billy had been heard to use a cross, angry word; there was no playing with the cricket set, if there was any quarreling beforehand. "Billy loves his

grandfather, even if things are hard", James confided to his mother. "Billy is not the only boy who is better for the hard things", smiled mother, "his good example has helped another little boy I know."

### Lesson Hymn

Little seeds of mercy,  
Sown by youthful hands,  
Grow to bless the nations  
Far in heathen lands. Amen.

—Hymn 531, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day That

LITTLE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—102. What name is given to the household or family of God? God's family is called the Church.

SHORTER CATECHISM—61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works about worldly employments, or recreations.

### The Question on Missions

(Third Quarter, OUR WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.)—1. How many Indians are there in Canada, and where do they reside? There are about 110,000 Indians in Canada. They are scattered throughout all the provinces and territories of the Dominion. It is supposed that the Indians came to this continent from Asia.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells us that Jesus, at the last day, will separate the good from the bad, like the fishermen in the drawing (color) sorting out their fish. Ask Jesus to make you good.



Lesson II.

## REVIEW

July 10, 1910

**Golden Text**—The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.—  
John 6 : 63.

REPEAT—Golden Texts.

## The Golden Texts

We have the Lessons of last Quarter and the first Lesson of this Quarter to review. Let us see how well we remember the Golden Texts, by putting in the words left out.

Lesson I. (Last Quarter). "All things are possible—". What wonderful things did Jesus do for people in this Lesson, because they believed in Him? (He healed a sick woman, brought back to life a dead maiden, made two blind men to see, and a dumb man to speak.)

Lesson II. "Freely ye have received—" To whom did Jesus speak these words? (Yes, to the twelve disciples, when He sent them forth to teach and heal.)

Lesson III. "The works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do—" Who did Jesus' works show had sent Him? (God, His Father in heaven.)

Lesson IV. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden—" Who gave this loving invitation, and this beautiful promise? (Who could it have been but Jesus?)

Lesson V. "I will have mercy—" What deed of mercy did Jesus do on the Sabbath?

Lesson VI. "At the last it biteth like a serpent—" Of what were these words written?

Lesson VII. "He that is not with Me—; and he that gathered not with Me—" Who is Jesus' great enemy? Whose side should we be on?

Lesson VIII. "He that is slow to anger—; and he that ruleth his spirit—" What woman was very angry at John the Baptist? What did she, at last, have done to him?

Lesson IX. "Jesus said unto them—" How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fishes? How many with seven loaves and a few fishes?

Lesson X. "Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying—" How did Jesus show His power over the sea?

Lesson XI. "Great is thy faith : be it unto thee—" To whom did Jesus speak these words? What did He do for the woman?

Lesson XII. "Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness—" Into how many kinds of soil, in Jesus' parable of The Sower, did the seed fall?

Lesson XIII. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun—" When will Jesus separate the good people from the bad?

Lesson I. (Present Quarter). "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink—" How many parables are there in this Lesson?

## Lesson Hymn

O Jesus, Light of all below !  
Thou Fount of life and fire !  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
And all we can desire,—

Thee may our tongues forever bless,  
Thee may we love alone,  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own. Amen.  
—Hymn 177, Book of Praise

## The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

SHORTER CATECHISM—62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath-day.

## The Question on Missions

2. What language do the Indians speak? Each band has a dialect of its own. These dialects are in most cases not understood by other bands. Of the written languages, that of the Dakotas and Crees is the most widely known and used. These languages differ greatly in their tones, the Dakota being softer than the Cree.

## I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD BE A FRIEND OF JESUS



## 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.

LESSON I. (Last Quarter). The Power of Faith.	LESSON VIII. The Death of John the Baptist.
LESSON II. The Mission of the Twelve.	LESSON IX. The Multitudes Fed.
LESSON III. The Question of John the Baptist.	LESSON X. Jesus Walks on the Sea.
LESSON IV. Warning and Invitation.	LESSON XI. The Canaanitish Woman.
LESSON V. Two Sabbath Incidents.	LESSON XII. The Parable of the Sower.
LESSON VI. Temperance Lesson.	LESSON XIII. The Parable of the Tares.
LESSON VII. Growing Hatred to Jesus.	LESSON I. (Present Quarter). Pictures of the Kingdom.

## PETER'S CONFESSION

July 17, 1910

Matthew 16 : 13-28—Memory Verse, 26.

**Golden Text**—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matthew 16 : 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Je'sus the Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels ; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, Jesus and His disciples were walking along the road together, towards the town of Cæsarea Philippi. Jesus knew that everywhere people were wondering about the wonderful things which He said and did, so He asked the disciples exactly what people were saying about Him. The disciples answered that some people thought He was John the Baptist, and others, one of the old prophets risen from the dead. "But", asked Jesus, "who do you say that I am?" And Peter, speaking for them all, said at once, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus felt very happy that His disciples, in spite of His humble appearance, had found out that He was the long-promised Saviour. Now, Peter's name meant "a rock", and Jesus told him that the church which he and the other disciples would help to build up,

would be like a rock too—so strong and firm, that even Satan himself would not be able to overthrow it. And Jesus also gave to Peter and the other disciples the right to open the door of His kingdom to all who should believe in Him. The disciples were not yet, however, to tell others that He was the Son of God : for, not until the Holy Spirit had been sent to teach them, would they themselves understand all that He had come to do for the world.

Soon after, Jesus told His disciples how He would be cruelly treated and put to death at Jerusalem, and, on the third day, rise again from the dead. The disciples were very much distressed at hearing this, and Peter said : "Lord, this must not be !" But Jesus rebuked Peter, saying that God knew what was best for Him to do. And He told them that they, too, if they wished to be His true

disciples, must be willing to give up their own plans and wishes, or even their lives, if that were needful, for His sake. Still, if they suffered here in doing God's will, they would be rewarded in heaven; while those people who loved only worldly riches and honor would, in the end, lose their chance of heaven. "And all the riches in the world", said Jesus, "could not make up for that."

Then, to encourage their sad hearts, Jesus said that although His kingdom was then very small and poor, some of them would live to see it reach great power and glory.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Towards what town was Jesus going with His disciples? 2. What question did He ask them? 3. Who did some people think Jesus was? 4. What did others think? 5. Who did Peter say He was? 6. What did Peter's name mean? 7. In what way would Jesus' church be like a rock? 8. What would be the key to open the way into Jesus' kingdom? 9. Why were the disciples not yet to tell others that Jesus was the Son of God? 10. What sad news did Jesus tell His disciples? 11. Who found fault with Him? 12. What did Jesus say His followers must be willing to do? 13. Where would they be rewarded? 14. What did Jesus add to encourage them? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Ted Morton had just returned from a game of baseball in the next town. "We were beaten badly, mother", he said, "but it was a clean beating we got. I won another game, though, when I was down street and met some of the town boys. 'He's one of Crawford's team', I heard one of them say, 'he ought to be ashamed to belong to such a crowd. Let's see if he'll own up to it.' 'Yes', I told them, 'I belong to Crawford's team, and we got a pretty fair beating, but I'm proud of my colors just the same.' And after I moved on I heard another of them say, 'He's all right.'" "You'll always be that, Ted", said his mother proudly, "if you're standing up for a good leader."

### Lesson Hymn

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode,

The Church, our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood. Amen.

—Hymn 462, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—104. **How are we baptised?** We are baptised with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 105. **Why is this sign used?** Because Jesus Himself commanded it.

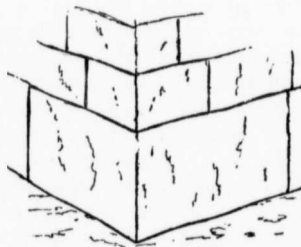
SHORTER CATECHISM—63. *Which is the fifth commandment?* A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

### The Question on Missions

3. Why do the Indians reside upon Reserves? Because, by treaty made with the Government, certain portions of land called "Reserves" were set apart for the sole use of the Indian. An Indian may, however, by proving able to support himself, leave the Reserve. Lately, some of the Reserve lands have been sold by the Indians to the Government.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The wall of a building stands firm, because it rests on the foundation. So we shall be



strong and brave, if we always put our trust in Jesus, God's own Son. Copy the drawing.

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
I SHOULD SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

Lesson IV.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

July 24, 1910

Matthew 17 : 1-8, 14-20—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

**Golden Text**—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased ; hear ye him.—  
Matthew 17 : 5.



1 And after six days Je'sus taketh Pe'ter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them : and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Mo'ses and Eli'as talking with him.

4 Then answered Pe'ter, and said unto Je'sus, Lord, it is good for us to be here : if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles ; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them : and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased ; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Je'sus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Je'sus only.

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man,

kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son : for he is lunatick, and sore vexed : for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Je'sus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you ? how long shall I suffer you ? bring him hither to me.

18 And Je'sus rebuked the devil ; and he departed out of him : and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Je'sus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out ?

20 And Je'sus said unto them, Because of your unbelief : for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place ; and it shall remove ; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Six days after Jesus had told His disciples the sorrowful news that He was to go up to Jerusalem to suffer and be put to death, He took Peter and James and John, three of His most dearly loved friends, up into a quiet mountain to pray. While He prayed, His face was changed, so that it shone like the sun, and His raiment was as glistening white as the light. Suddenly, standing with Jesus, there appeared two of God's holy men of old, Moses and Elias. God had sent these down from heaven to cheer and sustain His dear Son in this hour so near His death, and to show His disciples that His power came from on high.

Then Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here ; if Thou art willing, let us make three tents, one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elias, that we may remain on this mountain for a time." But while Peter was speaking, a bright cloud came and spread itself over them all, and a voice was heard from the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him!" Before all others, they were to hear and obey Jesus, and no longer could they ever doubt that He was the Son of God. The disciples, feeling that God was near, fell on their faces to the ground. As they lay there, Jesus touched them, saying, "Arise and

be not afraid." When they lifted up their eyes, they found they were once more alone with their Master ; and they went down the mountain again, treasuring the vision in their hearts.

Down at the bottom of the mountain, a great crowd of people were waiting for Jesus, and one man came kneeling down before Him, crying, "Master, have pity upon my son, for an evil spirit is in him, that often makes him throw himself into the water, or into the fire. And I took him to Thy disciples, that they might heal him, but they could not."

Then Jesus said, "Bring your son to Me." When the child was brought, Jesus bade the evil spirit come out of him, and immediately he was made strong and well again.

Then said the disciples to Jesus, "Why were we not able to cast out the evil spirit?" "Because you had not faith", said Jesus. "If you had ever so small an amount of real faith, you could say to this mountain, 'Move over to yonder place', and it would be done. Nothing would be too great or impossible for you to do."

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did Jesus go to pray? 2. Which three of the disciples did He take with Him? 3. How was His appearance changed while He prayed? 4. Whom did the disciples see, talking with Jesus? 5. Why had these been sent from heaven? 6. What did Peter ask Jesus' permission to do? 7. What happened while he was speaking? 8. What did the voice from the cloud say? 9. What did the disciples do when they heard the voice? 10. Who roused them? 11. Who met them when they were come down

from the mountain? 12. What did the man beg Jesus to do? 13. Whom did he say he had asked to cure his son? 14. What did Jesus do for the man? 15. Why had the disciples not been able to cure the child? 16. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Hymn

Come, children, join to sing  
Hallelujah! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Hallelujah! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise in His gracious choice:  
Hallelujah! Amen! Amen.  
—Hymn 536, Book of Praise

#### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP JESUS

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—106. **What does the water in baptism mean?** The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

SHORTER CATECHISM—64. *What is required in the fifth commandment?* A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

#### The Question on Missions

4. How are the Indians governed? The Indians on each Reserve choose their "chief", and "men in council". The Government appoints Agents, Farm Instructors and Inspectors for the oversight of the work and conduct of the Indians.

#### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God Himself spoke the words to be *copied*. How earnestly we should heed and obey them!

**My Beloved Son  
Hear ye Him.**

Lesson V.

## A LESSON ON FORGIVENESS

July 31, 1910

Matthew 18 : 21-35—Memory Verses, 21, 22.

**Golden Text**—If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.—Matthew 6 : 14.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying,

Pay me that thou owest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, Peter came asking Jesus this question, "Lord, if a man does me harm, how often should I forgive him? Would seven times be enough?" The Jewish teachers said that a man need not forgive another more than three times; but Jesus' rules were different. He told Peter that, no matter how often another wronged him, he should forgive every time. Then He told the disciples another parable to show them how willing they should be to forgive. "Once there was a king", He said, "who, in reckoning up his accounts, found that one of his servants owed him such a great sum that, even if he

sold all that he had, it would not pay the debt.

So the king commanded that the servant and his wife and children should be sold, as well as his possessions, to pay the debt. Then the servant pleaded with the king to have patience and he would pay him everything in time. The king was so sorry for the man, that he not only set him free, but forgave him the whole great debt.

Now this servant, on his way home, met another servant, who owed him a very small sum, and immediately he caught him by the throat, crying, "Pay me that money you



owe me!" The poor man begged of him, as he himself had begged of the king, to have patience and he would soon pay the debt. But the creditor would not listen, and had the debtor put into prison, till he should pay the debt.

The other servants, who saw all that had happened, told the king, and he at once sent for the wicked servant and said, "Because you begged me to forgive you that great debt, I did so: why could not you have had the same pity for your fellow servant?"

And the king, being very angry, sent the cruel servant to prison to be punished, until he had paid all that he owed. "And so will God punish you", concluded Jesus, "if you do not forgive your fellow men the sins which are so small compared with those for which God has forgiven you."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did Peter ask of Jesus? 2. How often did Jesus say His disciples should forgive one another? 3. About whom did he tell a story? 4. How much did the king's servant owe him? 5. What was to be done to him because he could not pay? 6. What did he beg of the king? 7. How did the king treat him? 8. What happened next? 9. To whom did the other servants tell this story? 10. How was the wicked servant punished? 11. What did Jesus say would happen to those who did not forgive others? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Teddy is the meanest boy I know!" Anna cried, running in to her mother. "He held Bobs by the tail, until he screamed, and I'll never forgive him!" "Don't say, 'never', dear", said mother, gently. Later, Anna came to her mother again,—"Mother, I don't know how to tell you, I forgot about your pansy seeds, and dug up the earth for my ferns. Can you forgive me?" "Yes, dearie, I can forgive my little girl just as easily as she can forgive a thoughtless little brother." Anna hung her head, and with a "forgiven" kiss ran away to find Teddy, to tell him that his thoughtlessness was quite forgotten. And Teddy was careful not to hurt Bobs so again.

### Lesson Hymn

Kept peaceful in the midst of strife,  
Forgiving and forgiven,  
O may we lead the pilgrim's life,  
And follow Thee to heaven. Amen.

—Hymn 285, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—107. Can the washing with water take away our sins? No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 61-64.

### The Question on Missions

5. What do pagan Indians worship? They worship the great Good Spirit (Manitou), and lesser spirits, such as Thunder, Wind and Sun, which they think have power to do them harm. Dances and feasts are given in honor of the gods. The sun dance is one in which is tested their power to endure suffering. Heaven, to them, is The Happy Hunting Grounds.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Learn this verse by heart, as you copy it, and try to practise every day its two "fors",—

<p>THE KINDEST AND THE HAPPIEST PAIR WILL FIND OCCASION TO FORBEAR; AND SOMETHING EVERY DAY THEY LIVE TO PITY, AND, PERHAPS, FORGIVE.</p>
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forbear and forgive. This is a sure way to be happy, and to make others happy.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS BE FORGIVING

Matthew 19 : 1, 2, 13-26—Memory Verses, 13-15.

**Golden Text**—Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me : for of such is the kingdom of heaven.—Matthew 19 : 14.



1 And it came to pass, *that* when Je'sus had finished these sayings, he departed from Gal'ilee, and came into the coasts of Judæ'a beyond Jor'dan;  
2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Je'sus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me : for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence.

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life ?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good ? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God : but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which ? Je'sus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother : and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up : what lack I yet ?

21 Je'sus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven : and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful : for he had great possessions.

23 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, Verily, I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved ?

26 But Je'sus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible ; but with God all things are possible.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Whenever Jesus taught or talked, great crowds collected around Him, listening eagerly to every word He spoke. One day, outside the throng of people pressing close beside Him, were a number of mothers. They had brought their little ones to Jesus, hoping that He would bless them. But the disciples were afraid that the children would trouble the Master, and they stopped the mothers and told them to take their children away. But when the loving Saviour saw this, He was displeased and said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then He stooped and took the babies up in His arms, and laid His hands on the heads of the little boys and girls, and blessed them all.

Jesus then went on His way again. And a rich young man who was a ruler amongst the Jews, came running towards Him. "Good

Master", he cried, "what good thing must I do to gain eternal life ?"

Jesus first told the young man, that the only way to be good was to be like God, for in God alone was there perfect goodness. He then went on to ask, "Do you not know yourself what the Commandments say you ought to do ? "But Master", said the young ruler, much surprised, "I have always kept the Commandments. Is there nothing else that I must do besides ?" Jesus looked lovingly at him, for He knew that he was in earnest in wishing to live a good life ; but He knew also that he loved his wealth much more than he loved God. So, to test him and show him how far short he came from being perfect, Jesus said, "If you will give up all your riches to God's service and come and be My disciple, then you will receive in return the gift of eternal life." But the young man

turned sorrowfully away, for he loved his riches and treasures, and felt that he could not part with them.

Jesus looked after him sadly, then turned to His disciples, saying that it was indeed hard for those who were rich to become His true followers. The care of their wealth, and their pleasures, left them no time for doing God's will. "But", said the disciples wonderingly, "who then can be saved?" "With men, such a thing would be impossible", said Jesus solemnly, "but with God, all things are possible. He is able to turn men's hearts even from the love of riches to Himself."

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Who brought little children to Jesus to be blessed of Him?
2. Who afterwards ran after Jesus?
3. What did he ask?
4. What did Jesus tell him first?
5. What did Jesus next ask the young man?
6. What did he answer?
7. What did Jesus tell him to do?
8. Why did he go away sorrowful?
9. What did Jesus say to His disciples?
10. What did they answer?
11. What did Jesus then say?
12. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

Six pairs of little feet swung impatiently back and forth during the lesson. It was missionary Sunday, and tucked away in hot little hands or in the knotted corners of handkerchiefs, were the carefully saved pennies. "Try to give something that will be hard to give", Miss Harmer had said; and all the little givers were to tell how they had earned their money. Five of the class had forgotten, and had just "asked daddy or mother"; but the thin little girl at the end of the seat in the shabby dress, when she handed in her single penny, looked shyly up: "It's all I could get, 'cause I couldn't leave mother. I earned it selling Bobby's papers." And Miss Harmer whispered softly after the class, "You've given the kind of gift Jesus loves, because it was hard to get the money."

**Lesson Hymn**

'Suffer the children! O, hear His voice!  
 Let every heart leap forth and rejoice;  
 And let us freely make Him our choice;  
 Do not delay, but come.

*Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,  
 When from sin our hearts are pure and free;  
 And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,  
 In our eternal home. Amen.*

—Hymn 560, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—108. What does our baptism teach us?** Our baptism teaches us that we belong to Christ, and must be true to Him.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?** A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

**The Question on Missions**

6. What are Indian homes like? The wandering tribes live in rounded tents (tepees), while those more settled dwell in little log shacks, with mudded fire-places. The more advanced occupy neat log or frame houses furnished with stoves, beds, tables, etc., using tents only in the summer months.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

Here we see Jesus blessing a child. *Color the drawing, and remember that Jesus is*



just as able and willing to bless you as He was to bless children who were brought to Him while He was here on earth.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT JESUS LOVES CHILDREN

Lesson VII.

## THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

August 14, 1910

Matthew 20 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 6, 7.

**Golden Text**—Many that are first shall be last ; and the last shall be first.—Matthew 19 : 30.



1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place.

4 And said unto them ; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle ?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard ; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire,

beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more ; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong : didst not thou agree with me for a penny ?

14 Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way : I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own ? Is thine eye evil, because I am good ?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last : for many be called, but few chosen.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After the disciples had heard what Jesus said to the young ruler, they were anxious to know what *they* would receive as a reward for following Him. Now the disciples had given up all they had to follow Jesus,—their families and their homes and their business, and it seemed to them that they should get from Him a specially large reward.

So Jesus told them another of His parables, to teach them not to think too much about the reward they were to get. A certain man, He said, who had a vineyard, early one morning went out to hire men to work in it. At last he found some laborers, and agreed

to give them a penny (about 16 cents of our money) a day, to work in the vineyard. Going out again about nine o'clock, he saw some other men standing idle on the street, and he sent them also into the vineyard. But he made no bargain with these, only bidding them trust him that he would give them what was just.

Twice again during the day, the householder did the same thing, and finally, going out again at the close of the day and finding still others standing about, he asked why they had stood there all the day idle. "Because no one has hired us", they replied. "Go,

then, you also, into my vineyard", he bade them, "and I will pay you whatever is right."

When the evening was come, the owner of the vineyard told his overseer to call the laborers together and pay each one the same sum—the penny which he had agreed to pay the first hired. So those men who were hired at the last hour, were each given a penny. Then those who were hired earlier, came in, and they, too, received only the same amount. Then they grumbled loudly, saying, "Those who came in last did only one hour's work, and thou hast made them equal to us who have borne all the hard work and heat of the day." But the vineyard owner said to one of the grumblers, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree to work for me all day for a penny? Take then what you bargained for, and go. If I wish to give the same to those who came in last as unto you, may I not do what I wish with my own money?"

The laborers who began first, showed that they had been working simply for the money they were to get, while the late comers said nothing about their wages, but trusted the owner of the vineyard to give them what was right.

"Now", said Jesus, "the one who serves Me from love, even though it be for only a little while, will have a higher place in the last day, than the one who serves Me only for the sake of reward, no matter how long he works."

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What were the disciples anxious to find out? 2. About what did He teach them not to think too much? 3. About whom did He then tell a story? 4. Where did the vineyard owner go to get workers? 5. How much did he promise them a day? 6. What did he do at nine o'clock? 7. Where did he send the men he then found on the street? 8. How many times did he go out that day? 9. What did he do each time he went? 10. What did he tell his overseer at the end of the day? 11. What did the first men hired grumble about? 12. What did the vineyard owner say to them? 13. What should be our great reason for serving Jesus? 14. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Hymn**

Give me a faithful heart,  
Likeness to Thee,  
That each departing day  
Henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun,  
Some deed of kindness done,  
Some wanderer sought and won,—  
Something for Thee. Amen.

Hymn 205, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. Why are the children of Christians baptised?** Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?**

A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

**The Question on Missions**

7. How do Indians earn a living? Many of the men still follow their old pursuits—hunting, trapping and fishing, the women doing bead work and tanning the skins. Of late years, some have taken to farming, a few to various trades.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

Little ones love to earn pennies by working for father and mother. God wants us to work



for Him, whether we are little or big. And He has a great reward stored up in heaven for every loving worker. Color the drawing.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT GOD WILL REWARD WHAT I DO FOR HIM



## Lesson VIII.

## JESUS NEARING JERUSALEM

August 21, 1910

Matthew 20 : 17-34—Memory Verses, 25-27.

**Golden Text**—The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Matthew 20 : 28.



17 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant :  
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.  
30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace : but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What wilt thou that I shall do unto you ?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes : and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus took the disciples apart by themselves, and told them once again that He would be taken prisoner by His enemies. They would treat Him very cruelly and, at last, put Him to death ; but, on the third day, He would rise again. Soon afterwards, the mother of the disciples James and John, came secretly with her sons to beg of Jesus a favor. "When Thou hast set up Thy kingdom", she asked, "wilt Thou allow these two sons of mine to sit, one on Thy right hand and the other on Thy left, as the chief men of other kingdoms sit beside their kings ?"

"You do not understand what you are asking", said Jesus, sadly ; "a high place in My kingdom can only be gained by those who suffer the same sore trials and sorrows

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem ; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,

19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him : and the third day he shall rise again.

20 Then came to him the mother of Zeb'edee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou ? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with ? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with : but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among you : but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister ;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant :

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.  
30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace : but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What wilt thou that I shall do unto you ?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes : and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

that I suffer. Do you think", He asked, turning to James and John, "that you could bear these ?" "Yes, Lord", they answered. "You shall indeed", said Jesus, "have to bear much of the suffering and sorrow that I bear, but I cannot promise you that you will sit at My right hand and My left hand in My kingdom. My Father will give those places only to those whom He Himself has chosen."

The other disciples were very angry when they heard of this, but Jesus rebuked them, saying, "Once more let Me tell you that My kingdom is very different from an earthly kingdom. Whosoever wishes to be great in it can only be great by becoming the servant of others, even as I, the Son of God, came to serve others and to die for the sins of men."



And as they continued on their journey, two blind men, sitting by the roadside, cried out piteously, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Thou son of David." Jesus stopped at once and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" "To open our eyes, O Lord", they prayed. Then Jesus touched their eyes, and they immediately received their sight and followed Him, rejoicing.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What did Jesus again tell His disciples on the way to Jerusalem?
2. Who came to Jesus with a request?
3. What was the request?
4. How did Jesus say a high place in His kingdom could only be gained?
5. What did Jesus ask James and John?
6. What did they answer?
7. What did Jesus then say?
8. Who were angry with James and John?
9. How did Jesus tell them they could become truly great?
10. Who cried out from the roadside, asking Jesus for help?
11. What did Jesus do for the blind men?
12. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

The boys were climbing up the snow-clad mountain. They were on their way to the cottage where old Joe the basket-weaver lived. The heavy fall of snow had kept him prisoner, and they were taking him food from town. On the way up, one of the boys slipped and fell on a rocky ledge, hurting himself so that he could go no further. Another of the company turned back with him to help him home. As together they went slowly down the mountain, and then waited for the return of the other boys, he tried not to think of the warm welcome at the top of the mountain. "You're

strong, brave boys", said the old man, when he heard the story, "but the bravest of the brave is the boy who stayed behind alone to care for his injured friend.

**Lesson Hymn**

Light of life, in childhood's gladness,  
To Thy radiance we would flee;  
Be our strength in days of sadness,  
Shine, shine on me. Amen.

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned To-day That**

I SHOULD LOVE TO HELP OTHERS

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—110. **When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did He ask to be remembered?** Jesus appointed the Lord's Supper, and said, "This do in remembrance of Me."

SHORTER CATECHISM—67. *Which is the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill. 68. *What is required in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

**The Question on Missions**

8. What schools for Indian children are under the care of our church? There are 7 Day Schools and 8 Boarding Schools. These are situated in the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. The Industrial School carried on for many years at Regina, has recently been closed, and its pupils have been distributed amongst various Boarding Schools in Saskatchewan.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

What a good rule this is for us all! Copy it, and try, day by day, to follow it.

*Do a kindness to some one every day.*

Lesson IX.

## JESUS ENTERING JERUSALEM

August 28, 1910

Matthew 21 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

**Golden Text**—Hosanna to the son of David : Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord ; Hosanna in the highest.—Matthew 21 : 9.



1 And when they drew nigh unto Jeru'salem, and were come to Beth'phage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Je'sus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her : loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them ; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Si'on, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Je'sus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way ; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosan'na to the son of Da'vid : Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord ; Hosan'na in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jeru'salem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this ?

11 And the multitude said, This is Je'sus the prophet of Naz'areth of Gal'ilee.

12 And Je'sus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer ; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple ; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosan'na to the son of Da'vid ; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say ? And Je'sus saith unto them, Yea ; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise ?

17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany ; and he lodged there.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus and His disciples were going to Jerusalem, they came near to a little village called Bethphage, on the Mount of Olives. Jesus called two of the disciples, and told them to go into the village, and there they would find an ass tied with her colt beside her. These they were to loose and bring to Him, and if the owners objected, they were to say, "The Lord hath need of them", and they would immediately be allowed to take them.

The disciples did as Jesus commanded, and, bringing the animals to Him, they laid their cloaks upon the colt, and, setting Jesus upon it, they went on their way towards Jerusalem. With them went a great multitude, who strewed branches of palm trees, as well as their long loose cloaks, in Jesus' path. And as they went, they sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David : Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord !" As the great mul-

titude entered the city, singing and praising God, the people of the city wonderingly asked who this could be, and the multitude answered, "It is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth."

In this way was fulfilled a saying of one of the old prophets, that the city of Jerusalem should see the King coming to it, seated on a colt, the foal of an ass.

When they came to the temple, Jesus entered it. There, in the outer courts, was a great noise and confusion. Men were buying and selling doves and the animals used for the sacrifices, and changing money for the pilgrims who had come from a distance. Jesus was very angry, and said, "God intended that His temple should be a house of prayer, but ye are making it a den of thieves."

Jesus commanded the courts to be cleared of all those who were thus dishonoring God's house. And when these had all been

driven out, there came to Him, crowds of sick and suffering people to be cured, and bands of little children sang hymns of praise to Jesus,—“Hosanna to the son of David!” Then the jealous priests and scribes said angrily, “Do You not hear what these children are calling You?” But Jesus only answered them gently, “Have you never read in the scripture that God said, ‘Even little children can give Me perfect praise?’” And He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, a village on the Mount of Olives, where He spent the night.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To what village did Jesus and His disciples come near? 2. On what errand did He send two of them? 3. What did the disciples do when they had brought the ass and her colt? 4. What did the multitude do? 5. What did they sing? 6. What did the people of the city ask when they saw the crowd? 7. Into what building did Jesus go? 8. What did He find there? 9. What did He do? 10. Who then came to Him in the temple? 11. What did the children sing? 12. Who were angry? 13. How did Jesus answer them? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Jean and Henry were loyal little Canadians, and could never forget the day that father had taken them into the city to see the Prince and Princess of Wales. The boys and girls who hadn't been so fortunate, had heard the story over and over again—about the gaily decked streets, the flowering arches, the cheering crowds, and most wonderful of all, the Prince, himself.

“You'd think you and Jean had seen a *king*!”, Ben Graham said disdainfully, “you make such a fuss about it!”

Well, it was just as good”, asserted Henry, “the prince is the king's son, and some day he *will* be king. And father said it ought to make us good Canadians to have seen the man who is going to reign over us.” And Ben wished too that he had been in the city that wonderful day, and had helped in the welcome of the man who would one day be king.

### Lesson Hymn

When, His salvation bringing,  
To Zion Jesus came,  
The children all stood singing  
Hosanna to His name;  
Nor did their zeal offend Him,  
But, as He rode along,  
He bade them still attend Him,  
And smiled to hear their song. Amen.  
—Hymn 540, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—111. What is meant by the bread in the Lord's Supper? The body of Christ, who is the bread of life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 65-68.

### The Question on Missions

9. What is taught in the schools? In all schools, the teaching of Bible truths forms an important part, and the elementary branches of study are taught. Boarding Schools give the boys instruction in farming, and the girls instruction in general housework.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The people of Jerusalem spread palm branches on the road, as a sign that they



welcomed Jesus as King into their city. So we should welcome King Jesus into our hearts, and obey Him in all things. Color the drawing.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT CHILDREN'S PRAISES PLEASE  
JESUS

Lesson X.

## TWO PARABLES OF JUDGMENT

September 4, 1910

Matthew 21 : 28-46. Study Matt. 21 : 23-46—Memory Verses, 45, 46.

**Golden Text**—Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you.—Matthew 21 : 43.



- 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.
- 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen ?
- 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.
- 42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes ?
- 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
- 44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken : but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
- 45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.
- 46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

On another day, while Jesus was teaching in the temple, He spoke two parables. The first was about a father who had two sons whom he told to go and work in his vineyard. The first son said he would not go, but was afterwards sorry and went. The second son said he would go, but did not go.

The second parable was about a man who planted a vineyard. He set a fence around it, and dug a vat to hold the juice of the grapes. He also built a tower for the servants who should stay and guard the vineyard against wild animals and robbers. When everything was finished, he rented the vineyard to husbandmen, who were to give him part of the fruit in payment, and went away to a far country.

28 But what think ye ? A certain man had two sons ; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not : but afterwards he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir : and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father ? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not : but the publicans and the harlots believed him : and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

33 Hear another parable : There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country :

34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servant to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first : and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir ; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen ?

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes ?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken : but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

When the time came for the fruit to be ripe, the owner of the vineyard sent his servants to get his share of it. But the husbandmen caught the servants and beat and stoned some, and killed others ; and when the owner sent yet more servants, they, too, were treated in the same way. Then, the owner having one dearly loved son, sent him, saying, "They will surely reverence my son." But when the husbandmen saw him, they said, "This is the heir ; if we kill him, we can seize the vineyard for our own. So they caught him, and cruelly put him to death.

Then said Jesus to those round about, "When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those husbandmen ? And the people answered, "He will destroy

those wicked men, and let out his vineyard to others who will give him his share of the fruit."

"Yes", said Jesus, "and so will God do to you. He will give the word of life to the other nations which you despise, and they will bring forth good works."

The Pharisees were very angry, when they heard all this, for they knew that Jesus spoke against them. They would immediately have put Him to death, had they not been afraid of the people.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How many parables did Jesus speak one day in the temple? 2. About whom was the first parable? 3. About whom did the second parable tell? 4. What did the owner do for his vineyard? 5. What were the husbandmen to give him? 6. How did they treat his servants, when they were sent? 7. Whom did the owner send last of all? 8. What did the husbandmen say, when they saw him? 9. What did they then do? 10. What question did Jesus ask the multitude? 11. What did they answer? 12. Who were angry at this parable? 13. What did the parable mean? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

There were only "rogues and rascals" in the castles on the sand-pile that sunshiny morning. Up to the window, from which mother usually saw Phil and Sue having a beautiful "playtime", there came angry, quarreling words, and father had said, "The sand-pile is just for good, kind little children."

The next morning, when Phil and Sue went out to play, they thought some unkind fairy had been at work during the night, for the sand-pile was gone! Immediately, they rushed in to tell mother of their loss. "When little people abuse a gift", said mother, seriously, "the gift is sometimes taken away. Cross, angry words and sand-piles can't exist together." After that Phil and Sue played so happily and kindly together, that it wasn't long before the sand-pile stood in the corner again.

### Lesson Hymn

Like Israel, Lord, we give  
Our earliest fruits to Thee,

And pray that, long as we shall live,  
We may Thy children be. Amen.

Hymn 526, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—112. **What is meant by the wine in the Lord's Supper?** The blood of Christ, shed for our sins.

SHORTER CATECHISM—69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto. 70. *Which is the seventh commandment?* A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

### The Question on Missions

10. How are the schools maintained? The schools are maintained by the church and the Dominion Government. The church provides the buildings and equipment, and also supplies clothing, and pays the greater part of the salaries. The Government gives a grant for every pupil, and provides hospitals and all medical supplies. Special grants are made if required.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

"Go, work",—that is what Jesus says to each of us. He has something for even the



littlest one to do. And He is glad when we do even the smallest thing for Him, because we love Him. *Copy or color the drawing.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS SEEKS FRUIT FROM ME



Matthew 22 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Many are called, but few are chosen.—Matthew 22 : 14.



1 And Je'sus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding : and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner : my oxen, and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready : come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise :

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth : and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as

many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good : and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment :

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment ? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness ; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was teaching in the temple, He spoke still another parable. He said there was once a king who made a marriage feast for his son ; but, when he sent out his servants to tell the invited guests that the feast was ready, they would not come. He sent to them again, saying, "My oxen and my fatlings have been killed for my dinner, and all things are ready ; therefore come to the marriage."

But some turned away and would not listen, while others took the servants, and treated them cruelly, and slew them. When the king heard this, he was very angry, and sent out his soldiers to destroy those wicked murderers and to burn up their city. Afterwards, he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those who were invited were not

worthy to come to it ; go out, therefore, into the streets and lanes, and ask all whom you meet to the marriage." So the servants went out and gathered all the people they could find, and brought them in.

Now the king had provided beautiful garments for those who should sit down at his feast, and one of these garments was offered to each person as he came into the house for him to put on.

But when the king went into the feast, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment, and he said to him, "Friend, how camest thou in here without a wedding garment ?" And the man was silent, for he had refused it when it was offered him. Then the king said to his servants, "Bind his hands and his feet, and take him away and



cast him out into the dark night, because he would not have the wedding garment which was offered to him."

"And so it is in the kingdom of heaven", said Jesus, sadly. "Many are called, but few are worthy of sitting down at the marriage feast of the Lord."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. About whom did Jesus speak another parable? 2. What did the king do when his feast was ready? 3. How did those who were invited act? 4. What message did the servants take a second time? 5. How were they treated? 6. How did the king punish these people? 7. Whom did he then tell his servants to invite to the feast? 8. What had the king provided for each guest? 9. What did he notice about one guest, when he came into the room? 10. What did the king order his servants to do? 11. Why was the man thus punished? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"There are so many nice boys and girls right here, Uncle; why don't you just stay at home?" said Marion coaxingly to her missionary uncle, who was soon going back to India. "Yes, girlie, there are nice little people here, and it's some of the things that you enjoy that I want to take to India, where they don't know anything about them?"

Uncle went out and returned with a picture. "These are some of my little Indian children", he said. "If I looked only at their dark faces and queer clothes, I think I'd stay in Canada; but I'm thinking of their hearts, without a knowledge of what Jesus' love can do for them. Don't you think when Jesus called little ones to Him, He meant the little ones of India as well as of Canada?" When Marion understood, she said to her uncle, "I'm really glad you're going."

### Lesson Hymn

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,  
 God's free bounty glorify;  
 True belief and true repentance,  
 Every grace that brings you nigh,  
 Without money,  
 Come to Jesus Christ and buy. Amen.

—Hymn 143, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—113. **Who should go to the Lord's Supper?** Those only should go to the Lord's Supper who love Jesus Christ and try to follow Him daily.

SHORTER CATECHISM—71. *What is required in the seventh commandment?* A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour. 72. *What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?* A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

### The Question on Missions

11. What is done for the graduate? On leaving school, the graduate is provided with a complete outfit of clothing. In many cases the Government gives him a yoke of oxen and a plow. A colony, directed by a Government official, has been established, in which a graduate may settle. Hospitals on Reserves are free to the graduate.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How eager we should all be to accept an invitation from King Edward to a feast in his palace! But God, our heavenly King, has



invited us to come to Him and receive honor greater than any king on earth can give. *Color the drawing.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD DESIRES TO BLESS ME

## Lesson XII.

## THREE QUESTIONS

September 18, 1910

Matthew 22 : 34-46. Study Matthew 22 : 15-22, 34-46—Memory Verses, 37-39.

**Golden Text**—Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.—Matthew 22 : 21.



34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sad'ducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law ?

37 Je'sus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Je'sus asked them,

42 Saying, What think ye of Christ ? whose son is he ? They say unto him, *The son of Da'vid*.

43 He saith unto them, How then doth Da'vid in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies

thy footstool?]

45 If Da'vid then call him Lord, how is he his son ?

46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Pharisees sent some of their disciples to Jesus, as He was teaching in the temple, to ask Him whether the Jews should pay taxes to the Romans or not. Now the Romans ruled over the Jews at this time. The Pharisees thought, that, if Jesus should answer, "No", the Romans would look upon Him as a rebel, and, if He said, "Yes", the Jews would be angry with Him. But Jesus answered the question so that no one could find fault with Him.

After this, some of the Sadducees came, asking Jesus a puzzling question, which showed that they did not believe in a life after death. But Jesus said to them, "If there is no future life, why then did God say to Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob' ? For these men were dead long before. But God does not allow those whom He loves and who trust Him, to remain under the power of death." The Sad-

ducees, when they heard this, were put to silence.

Then the Pharisees took counsel together once more, and sent one of their number, a teacher of the laws of Moses, to Jesus, to ask Him this question, "Master, which is the first, or principal one, of all God's commandments ?"

Jesus answered, "'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." By this Jesus meant, that all the other commandments in the Bible were included in these ; for if we obey the first, we shall do all our duty to God, and if we obey the second, we shall do all our duty to those about us.

Then Jesus suddenly asked the Pharisees this question, "What do you think about the Messiah or Saviour? Whose Son is He?" "The son of David", they answered immediately. "How is it then", asked Jesus, "that David says in one of his Psalms, 'The Lord said unto my Lord (the Messiah), Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool'? If He be David's Lord, how can He be only his Son?" In this way Jesus showed that it was wrong to think that the Messiah was merely a Descendant of David; He was more than this,—the Son of God. The Pharisees could not answer Jesus, and from that day they asked Him no more questions.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did the Pharisees send to Jesus?
2. What did these ask Him?
3. Who came to Him next with a puzzling question?
4. Whom did the Pharisees now send to question Jesus?
5. What question did the lawyer ask?
6. What did Jesus say was the first and greatest commandment?
7. What other was like it?
8. What did Jesus mean by saying, "On these hang all the law and the prophets"?
9. What question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees?
10. Whose Son did they say the Messiah was?
11. What was He more than this?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Bob held up a shining dollar, "I've earned it too, Mother", he said proudly. "That cross old Byers has ordered me round all week, and I don't believe I'd have stood it, if I hadn't thought of this, and all the things I can get with it. And he said, when I was coming away, 'You know one thing, and that's how to do what you're told.'"

It wasn't long after, that Mother called Bob in from his play, and she wondered at the bright smile and willing step. "I'm afraid, dear, there are no silver dollars waiting for the boy who runs *my* messages." "Oh, but Mother", and Bob looked up manfully, "I run your messages because I love you, and your thanks are better than old Byers' dollar. And isn't it queer, too, Mother, it doesn't seem like work, when we do it for some one we love?"

### Lesson Hymn

Great love of God, come in,  
Wellspring of heavenly peace,  
Thou Living Water, come,  
Spring up, and never cease.  
—Hymn 181, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—114. **What are baptism and the Lord's Supper called?** Baptism and the Lord's Supper are called sacraments. 115. **Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's Supper?** No. Jesus appointed only these two.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 69-72.

### The Question on Missions

12. Are Indians becoming good Christian citizens? The work of Christianizing the Indian has been slow, yet much has been done. Paganism is dying out. Many of the Indians have cast aside their blankets, and adopted the dress of the white man. Neat, comfortable homes and fields of grain show progress.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy this big question mark, and remember Jesus' answer in the Lesson to the lawyer's



question, how He said that we should love God most of all, and love our neighbor as well as we love ourselves.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HAVE A LOVING  
HEART

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BIBLE WORK.      SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES.      PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 102-115.      SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 61-72.      SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN, 539, BOOK OF PRAISE.      THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

### TEMPERANCE LESSON

Galatians 5 : 15-26—Memory Verses, 22, 23.

**Golden Text**—If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.—Galatians 5 : 25.



15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh : and these are contrary the one to the other : so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these* ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like : of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance : against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the heathen countries in which the apostle Paul had preached, was that called Galatia. There Paul had persuaded the people to give up worshipping idols, and to become followers of Jesus Christ.

But some time after Paul had left that country, he heard that some Jewish teachers were trying to make the Galatians believe that they could not be saved unless they obeyed all the rules of the old Jewish law. So Paul wrote a letter to his Galatian friends, and in this letter he warned them not to listen to these teachers, for Christ alone could save them, and they were not required to obey these rules of the Jews.

Still, they were not to think that they might do whatever they pleased, for there were many sinful things that they must not

do. If they allowed God's Holy Spirit to guide them in everything, they would be able to keep from sinning. Sinful people might try ever so hard to draw them away from what was right and good, but the Holy Spirit was so much stronger than these, and He would help them to say "No", when they were tempted.

Paul reminded the Galatians of some of the wicked things which were in the world—idolatry, murder, hatred, jealousy, drunkenness and such like. God's children must avoid all these, or they could not enter into His home in heaven. Of all these evils, drunkenness is one of the worst. Wine seems a very pleasant thing at first, but if people go on drinking it, they become so fond of drink, that at last it is very, very hard to

give it up. They become slaves to it, and it causes them to give way to other sins also.

But those who allow the Holy Spirit to lead them, are filled with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; and, because they are Christ's children, they have given up all things that they know to be evil. There is no law against those in whom the lovely fruits of the Spirit are found. That is, no one can rightly find fault with them or blame them. For they do, day by day, just what God would have them do. As Jesus Himself died on the cross, so all bad thoughts and desires die in them, and therefore have no more power over them.

So, Paul said, all Christians should allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and show by their lives that they are following Jesus. They must not seek for praise or glory, they must not provoke others to anger, they must not envy one another; "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." No one can deceive God. If one sows bad habits, nothing will come of these but punishment, but if he cultivates good habits, he will reap or gain everlasting life.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What had Paul persuaded the Galatians to give up? 2. What had he persuaded them to become? 3. What did some Jewish teachers try to make them believe? 4. What did Paul say about this matter? 5. Who did he say they should allow to guide them? 6. Mention some wicked things from which God's children must keep themselves? 7. What is one of the worst of these things? 8. Tell the things that fill those whom the Holy Spirit leads? 9. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Paul and Frank opened their eyes wide, when Uncle told them about the lion he had held in his hand, and they both laughed when he went on—"Of course it was just a baby lion, and no bigger than a kitten. And that baby lion is just like some little sins I know,—when they are small, they are not so bad, but if they go on growing, they get very dangerous.

The thing for a boy to do with little sins, is to keep them from growing up."

That afternoon, Uncle heard Paul talking angrily, and then Frank's voice: "Take care, Paul, keep that ugly temper small or it will soon grow up." And Paul remembered the "lion" story, and the cross words disappeared. "I think", Paul confided to his uncle that night, "there is something inside me, that helps me to get the better of my bad temper." "Yes", said Uncle, "and if you always listen to that voice within, your bad temper will never 'grow up'."

### Lesson Hymn

Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed  
His tender last farewell,  
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed  
With us to dwell.

Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness, pitying, see:  
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,  
And worthier Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 111, Book of Praise

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Use a yellow crayon to color the drawing, so as to make it look like gold. Repeat the



Golden Rule, and remember that it is the best rule to follow towards others.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL DWELL  
IN ME

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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