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A little rain and a little sun,
And a little pearly dew,
And a pushing up and a reaching out,
Then leaves and tendrils all about—
And that's the way the flowers grow,
Don't you know?

A little work and a little play,
And lots of quiet sleep;
A cheerful heart and a sunny face,
And lessons learned and things in place—
Ah, that's the way the children grow
Don't you know?

Editor And the grave and reverend men who choose the lessons for the little ones have not forgotten that their lessons must be short and simple and bright. Some of the lessons we are using now are perhaps just a "weeny bit" too long and hard for the youngest children; so new ones have been chosen for little ones of six years old and under. They are called the Beginners' Course, and commence in September. We hope, when the time comes, to be ready with beautifully illustrated helps for the Beginners' Course, which may be brought home from Sabbath School, that fathers and mothers may help with the lessons.

"Hearing a Bible story and learning a text should form part of the children's employment every Sunday afternoon," says a writer in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "However busy the mother may be in the week, she should take time on this day to gather her children about her and teach them herself. She cannot delegate this duty to the Sunday-school without serious loss to

them and to herself. It is said that children nowadays do not know the Bible. They are so unfamiliar with it that Biblical allusions in conversation or in other books are not understood, and its language is strange to their ears. Only the mothers can remedy this, as the Bible is so little read in the schools. The rising generation will never know their own sacred Book unless the mothers bestir themselves and teach it."

BEAUTIFUL MOTHERS

"I remember," wrote the great Dr. John Hall, "the first conscious impression I had of beauty.

"It was a summer afternoon . . . my brother and myself were playing in front of the house, when my mother raised the window, and, calling us, handed each some bread and honey, with some kindly word—I forget what. I think our pleasure pleased her, for her face beamed as it had never beamed to me before, and for the first time I was distinctly conscious that my mother was beautiful!

"It had a great effect upon me. My mother was always good to me, and I revered her, but now I had a new feeling towards her. She was like an angel to me now."

Is there not here deep instruction for parents? It is not easy to keep the beautiful side of character always unclouded. Yet the effort must be made. That wonderful camera, the child's mind, may at any moment have the shutter lifted, and an indestructible image of ourselves may become printed upon its sensitive plate.

Nothing would shock us more than, in the day of revealing, to discover that, what had

survived were the momentary outbursts of anger, the ugly episodes of our weaknesses; a part of heaven would, on the contrary, be created for us if we came to know that the beauty of goodness had been revealed to our children in some gracious moment of perfect union with God.—S. S. Chronicle

TELLING BIBLE STORIES

"God has always spoken to His people in story form," says Mrs. Barnes, one of the brightest of Sabbath School Primary workers, and who believes thoroughly in fathers and mothers at home as the first and best teachers. "God has always spoken to His people in story form. When He had a truth to present, He told it to them in such a way, that, through the thing that had taken place, they should know His will. We tell the child a Bible story that the child through the story may somehow grasp God's truth revealed in the story."

Here is a sample from Mrs. Barnes—her address was delivered recently at the Ontario Provincial Sabbath School Association—of

HOW A STORY MAY TELL

"A certain father had a four-year-old boy named Noble.

"It had been the habit in that family when the father came home at night for little Noble to run to him and tell him all the doings of the day, both the good things, and the bad things.

"One day Noble did something he had never done before. He said to his mother with great emphasis, 'I won't.' I do not know what happened between the mother and child; but when the father came home at night, Noble went to him and went over all the doings of the day, telling this incident himself.

"It is also the custom in that home for the father or mother to make a very great deal of what they call their 'bedtime stories.' I know some fathers would have said: 'Noble, you have been such a naughty boy, that, as soon as you have had your supper, you shall go to bed, and you shall have no bedtime story to-night; I could not think of such a thing as telling any little boy a story at bedtime, when he had said such

naughty things to his mother.' This father was wise, and did not do that, and he knew he had an opportunity given to him that night to help the child, perhaps for all his lifetime; and so he said nothing of the kind, but he was very careful of his story.

"This father is a finely educated man, a man who could turn in many directions for a story. As it was, he gave one from the old Book. He told Noble the story of the lost sheep, or as he put it, of 'The Little Lamb that Would Have His Own Way.' He named the wandering Lamb 'Bob'; and went on to picture how Bob had gone along with all the rest of the flock, following peaceably after the shepherd, but every once and a while just wishing he could have his own way. Finally he travelled away, and farther and farther away, so that he did not hear the shepherd's voice—he had gotten so far away from the shepherd's care.

"Of course, he did not leave the story there, but went on to tell about the great and wonderful love of the shepherd, who, at great cost to himself, went back and rescued Bob.

"Noble made his own application. 'When I was through telling the story,' said the father, 'Noble put his arms around my neck and said, 'Bob's so sorry he was naughty.'"

HOW TO TELL A STORY

"A certain mother had a little girl whom she said had never of her own free-will said, 'I am sorry,' or 'That was wrong,' and she knew that unless the child did this, there was a very great deal of trouble ahead for her. She decided to tell her the story of the prodigal son, and she made up her mind that the child should realize the nobility of acknowledging she had done wrong; and the way that mother told the story sums up all the rules.

"She said, 'I did not take the Bible up and read it to the child, but I took the Bible and read the story, and I read it over again and again and again, until I lived the life myself of each one of those pictured in the story, and when I thought I had realized how the father felt and when I had realized the position of the son, and when I felt the story, then I felt I was ready to go and tell it

to the child.'

"The time came, and she told it to the little folk, and as she was telling it, she saw this little child catch her breath, and she wondered if the story was going home. She left it, with the simple telling of the story.

"In a few days there came a time when there was a great battle in the life of that child, and when the child conquered for the first time, and in a very awkward fashion said, 'I was wrong,' and with her face full of tears she said, 'I am sorry,' and then ran to her mother and said, putting her arms around her mother's neck, 'Now I know how the boy in the story felt.'

"We must be willing to study the Book, in order to be able to know what God has for the child, and we must study the story patiently until we feel it."

EUGENE'S MISTAKE

Uncle Ed was coming to-morrow, and bringing with him the little cousins, Tom and Florence, whom Eugene had never seen, for they were born in far-away China and had never been to America.

Eugene had never thought much about these far-away relatives, but now they were so soon to come, he was full of interest, and suddenly he remembered what had been said about the people of China in a missionary meeting a few days before. How it was said that the people there wore wooden shoes and such queer clothes; the men and boys had pigtailed hanging from their heads, at least that was what Rob, his big brother, had said queues were. The men, almost all of them, smoked opium—some kind of "sleepy stuff." Rob had further explained, and the little girls all had their feet tied up to make them little, and it hurt dreadfully, so they could not run and play, but just hobbled about.

So, as papa and mamma talked, Eugene looked very sober, thinking of these things—how Uncle Ed and Tom would look with pigtailed hanging from their heads, how Uncle Ed would be smoking that sleepy stuff all the time, and poor little Florence would cry with her feet.

He did not say anything, but felt that he

didn't believe he should be very glad to see Uncle Ed and the new cousins.

NEXT morning, when Uncle Ed and Tom and little Florence arrived, imagine Eugene's astonishment to find they looked just like other folks, and little Florence tripped about like all the little girls whom he knew.

Of course he was too polite a little boy to say anything at first, but by and by he asked Florence how it was that her feet were not tied up, that Uncle Ed and Tom didn't have pigtailed, etc.

Little Florence's eyes opened wide. She shook her head slowly, and finally said emphatically, "'Cause we don't!"

"Yes, but why!" persisted Eugene. "All the folks in China where you live do, for I heard so at church," he concluded, stoutly.

Little Florence looked puzzled. "Let's ask papa," she said at last, with a clap of her hands, and away they went into the house to Uncle Ed.

There was a big laugh from all the family when it was found out that Eugene expected the bound feet, "pigtailed" and Chinese clothes. Then Uncle Ed took the little girl on one knee, the small boy on the other, and told them that, when he and Florence's mamma went to China, Christ went with them; so they did not have to be heathen, like the natives, and that although Tom and Florence were born there, he and their mother taught them about Christ as soon as they could understand, and they would never be heathen.

"We must all help to carry the gospel to every Chinese," he said at last, "and there will be no more little bound feet in China, and no fettered souls," he added softly.—
Kind Words

THE CHILDREN IN HEAVEN

Oh! what do you think the angels say?
Said the children up in heaven;
There's a dear little boy coming home to-day,
He's almost ready to fly away
From the earth we used to live in.
Let's go and open the gates of joy,
Open them wide for the new little boy,
Said the children up in heaven.

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God wanted him where his little ones meet,
Said the children up in heaven ;
He shall play with us in the golden street,
He has grown too fair, he has grown too sweet
For the earth we used to live in.
He needs the sunshine, this dear, little boy,
That shines this side of the realms of joy,
Said the children up in heaven.

So the King called down from the angels' dome,
Said the children up in heaven ;
"My little darling, arise and come
To the place prepared in thy Father's home,
The home that My children live in ;"
Let us go and watch at the gates of joy,
Ready to welcome the new little boy,
Said the children up in heaven.

Far down on the earth do you hear them weep,
Said the children up in heaven,
For the dear little boy has gone to sleep !
The shadows fall and the night-clouds creep
O'er the earth we used to live in ;
But we'll go and open the gates of joy,
Oh ! why do they weep for their dear little boy ?
Said the children up in heaven.

Fly with him quickly, Oh ! angels dear,
See ! He is coming ! Look there ! Look there !
At the jasper light on his sunny hair,
Where the veiling clouds are riven.
Ah ! hush, hush, hush, all the swift wings furl,
For the King Himself, at the gates of joy,
Is taking his hand, dear, tired, little boy,
And is leading him into heaven.

The Evangelical Churchman

Rev. J. M. Duncan's name now appears on the title page of the PRIMARY QUARTERLY as ASSOCIATE EDITOR. The EDITOR is glad to introduce him to its readers, as a friend and helper. Miss Violet Robinson continues to prepare the Lesson Retold, the Questions on the Lesson, and the little illustrative story. This is now Miss Robinson's fourth year in the PRIMARY QUARTERLY and her work is evidently much valued, as we judge by the many kind words said of it and the steady and rapid increase in circulation.

CHRIST, THE LIGHT

Yes, still Christ. Last Quarter it was THE POWER of the Christ who rose from the grave, and from His throne in heaven gives strength to His servants, and brings wicked and obstinate people to become His humble and loving followers. This Quarter it is Christ THE LIGHT. We shall meet a new friend, Saul, of Tarsus, who at first is anything but a friend of either Christ or His people, but led to change all his ways because the light from Christ fell upon him. And we shall find our old friend Peter, too, and others going on strange errands and doing things they never thought they should or could have done, because they walked in the light which Christ shed about them. And we shall hear of people to whom Christ's light came for the first time, rejoicing and glad because they had seen it.

We have in the twelve lessons of the Quarter :

1. The light shining into Saul's heart and making it all pure and glad.
 2. The light shown forth by such disciples as Peter and Æneas and Dorcas.
 3. The light shining upon Cornelius and his household, who had been anxiously seeking it.
 4. The light making Peter's path plain, when he was perplexed and puzzled.
 5. The light drawing new multitudes at Antioch.
 6. The light making Peter's prison house bright as day.
 7. The light spread by Christians who had been scattered by persecution.
 8. The light received by the wise.
 9. The light rejected by the foolish.
 10. God's faithful servant led by the light to know God's will.
 11. The light borne from one continent to another.
 12. The light an armor against sin.
- "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS."

An Order of Service

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1902

I. TEACHER. Serve the Lord with gladness.

CLASS. Come before His presence with singing.

II. ALL SAY OR SING—

The morning bright with rosy light
Has waked me up from sleep ;
Father, I own Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day, I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide ;
My sins forgive, and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.

O make Thy rest within my breast,
Great Spirit of all grace ;
Make me like Thee, then shall I be
Prepared to see Thy face. Amen.

—Book of Praise, 569

III. PRAYER ; closing with the Lord's Prayer, all joining.

IV. OFFERINGS ; after which recite reverently—

What to Thee, dear Lord, we bring
Thou wilt surely take ;
Bless our little offering
For the Saviour's sake.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Keep the story of Jesus fresh in the minds of the scholars, taking them step by step through it from Sabbath to Sabbath. The pictures from the life of our Lord on earth, in our illustrated child's paper—JEWELS—will help.

VI. SING one or more Springtime hymns, such as Hymns 510, 512, 515, Book of Praise.

VII. PRAYER ; in simple words and short clauses, the children repeating it after the teacher.

VIII. THE LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. MISSIONARY HYMN FOR THE QUARTER.

"O how joyous is the music
Of the missionary song, etc."

—Book of Praise, 564

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

XI. THE CLOSING HYMN.

Light of life, so softly shining
From the blood-besprinkled tree ;
Never waning nor declining,
Shine, shine on me.

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

—Book of Praise, 576

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Acts 9: 1-12. Study Acts 9: 1-20—Memory Verses, 3-5.

Golden Text—Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.—Acts 3: 19.



1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damas'cus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jeru'salem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damas'cus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Je'sus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damas'cus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damas'cus, named Anani'as; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Anani'as. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Ju'das for *one* called Saul, of Tar'cus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul, the persecutor, was not content when he had helped to drive the believers from Jerusalem, but followed them to other cities.

He heard that there were believers at Damascus, so one day he went to the high priest and got leave from him to go to that city and punish the followers of Jesus, planning to bind all whom he could find, with chains and bring them back to Jerusalem to be thrown into prison.

The next day about noon, while Saul was on his journey, as he was getting near Damascus, suddenly such a bright light shone around him that he fell off his horse to the ground. Then he heard a voice calling to him,

"Saul, Saul, why are you fighting against me?"

"Who am I fighting against?" asked Saul.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," was the answer. Then Saul knew that it was the Lord Himself who had stopped him, and with great fear and astonishment he cried, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

"Arise," said the voice, "and go into the city and you will be told there what you must do."

When Saul got up from the ground, he could see nothing. Then the men who were with him, who had heard the voice but knew not whose it was, took their blind master by the hand and led him into Damascus, where he sat helpless for three days, neither eating nor drinking, and he could not see.

In the meantime, God had sent a message to one of the believers at Damascus named Ananias, saying, "Arise and go to Judas' house in Straight Street and ask to see a man called Saul of Tarsus, whom you will find praying. He has been warned in a vision that through you his eyes will be opened, for he is blind."

Ananias was greatly surprised at these words and answered, "Surely, Lord, there is some mistake, for I have heard from many of the harm that this man has done to the church at Jerusalem, and they say he has come here for the same thing." "There is no mistake," said the Lord to Ananias, "for I have chosen this man to be my special messenger to preach my gospel to the heathen and their kings, and to the people of Israel, and I will show him how greatly he must suffer for my sake."

So Ananias went and did as the Lord told him, and laid his hands upon Saul, saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Himself, who met you on the road as you came here, has

sent me to you that you may receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit!" At once, what seemed to be scales, fell from Saul's eyes and he could see, and he got up and was baptized in the name of Jesus, and took something to eat. Then Ananias introduced him to the other disciples in Damascus and at once he went into the synagogues and preached boldly to the Jews that Jesus was the Son of God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Saul intend to do at Damascus?
2. What happened on the way?
3. Who spoke to him as he was lying on the ground?
4. What did the voice say?
5. What did Saul say when he knew it was the Lord?
6. How long was Saul blind?
7. How was he cured?
8. Who was Ananias?
9. What did the Lord tell him he had chosen Saul for?
10. What did Saul do to show that he now believed on Jesus?
11. Where did he begin to preach the gospel?
12. What is the Golden Text?

THE UGLY CATERPILLAR

There was once an ugly, crawling caterpillar. All summer it devoured the leaves and flowers of the garden. In the fall it spun a cloak for itself in which to sleep away the long winter. All winter long it slept in its warm wrap.

After many months the warm spring sun shone and the sleeping life stirred. Suddenly it awoke! It was no longer the hideous worm; it had been changed into a beautiful and happy butterfly, bringing joy and gladness to the whole garden.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus shines into my heart



Primary Catechism—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." **82. What is it to honour our father and mother?** To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

Shorter Catechism—16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity: all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for Him will go?
By Thy call for mercy
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side
Saviour, we are Thine! Amen.
—Hymn 252, Book of Praise

PETER, ÆNEAS AND DORCAS

April 13, 1902

Acts 9 : 32-43—Memory Verses, 40-42.

Golden Text—Jesus Christ maketh thee whole.—Acts 9 : 34.

39 Then Pe'ter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber : and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed ; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabi'tha, arise. And she opened her eyes : and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa ; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Si'mon a tanner.

32 And it came to pass, as Pe'ter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lyd'da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æne'as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Pe'ter said unto him, Æne'as, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'da and Sa'ron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tab'i'tha, which by interpretation is called Dor'cas : this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days that she was sick, and died : whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And for as much as Lyd'da was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber : and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The apostles now spent their time in visiting and encouraging the new churches that had sprung up in different towns all over Judæa and Samaria. And Peter, going from place to place, came to the town of Lydda, where there was also a company of Christ's people.

Here he found a sick man named Æneas, who had been bed-ridden for eight years with paralysis. And Peter said to him, "Æneas, Jesus Christ cures you ; get up and put away your bed." Then the helpless man stood up, and when they saw how he had been cured, many others among the people of Lydda and their friends came forward and believed on Christ.

Now, not far from Lydda was the sea-port town of Joppa. Here lived a good woman named Dorcas, who spent all her time in do-

ing kind deeds among the poor and sick. This woman was well known as a good sewer, for she and her friends used to meet together to make warm coats and clothing for the poor. But one day Dorcas took suddenly ill and before long she was dead.

Then there was great mourning and weeping among the believers at Joppa, for they all loved Dorcas, and they took the dead body of their friend and laid it on a bed in a large upstairs room.

The believers had heard that Peter was only a few miles away, at Lydda ; so they sent two men running to him at once with a message, begging that he would come to them immediately and comfort them in their great trouble. So Peter got up and returned with the messengers to Joppa and came at once into the room where the body was lying.

And some of the women who stood around the bed weeping, showed Peter the things that Dorcas had made while she was alive, and told how unselfish she was.

But Peter put everyone out of the room, and when he had closed the door, he kneeled on the floor and prayed. Then turning towards the bed, he said, "Get up Dorcas!" And at once she opened her eyes, and, seeing Peter, she sat up. Then he took her by the hand and when he had called in the mourners, he gave Dorcas back to them alive and well. Soon all the people in Joppa heard what had been done, and many new believers were added that day to the people of Christ.

Now Peter stayed some time in Joppa at

the house of a man called Simon, who was a tanner who lived by the seaside.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of the sick man at Lydda?
2. What did Peter say to him?
3. When the people saw that he had been cured, what did they do?
4. Who lived at Joppa?
5. What kind of person was Dorcas?
6. For what was she specially noted?
7. What happened to this woman?
8. For whom did her friends send?
9. What did Peter find them doing when he came?
10. Where did he send the mourners?
11. How did he raise Dorcas to life?
12. Who heard of the miracle that had been done?
13. What effect had it upon the people of Joppa?
14. What is the Golden Text?

TOO BUSY FOR GOOD DEEDS

There was once a king who had tried many ways of improving his people. At last he said, "I will do something which I know no king before me has ever done. I will hold a test of good deeds and will offer a prize for the best deed done in my kingdom."

On the day chosen for the test many people flocked to the king's palace, each anxious to tell of some good work which would claim the king's reward. Last of all came a poor little girl with her mother.

"What good thing have you done little

girl?" asked the king.

"Sir, I had no time to do good deeds, for my mother is so busy that I have to feed the chickens, pick up chips, sweep the porch, set the table, and play with the baby. I wanted to try for the prize but I had no time."

The king told the little girl that the prize was hers and she could have whatever she wanted. She chose a wagon for the baby to ride in. How many boys and girls are doing the good deeds that this little girl did?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should let my light shine

Primary Catechism—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." **84.** What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

Shorter Catechism—17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Lesson Hymn

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

*Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
"Jesus, blessèd Jesus."*

Amen.

—Hymn 544, Book of Praise

Lesson III.

PETER AND CORNELIUS

April 20, 1902

Acts 10 : 34-44. Study Acts 10 : 34-48—Memory Verses, 42-44.

Golden Text—God is no respecter of persons.— Acts 10 : 34.

34 Then Pe'ter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I preceive that God is no respecter of persons :

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Is'rael, preaching peace by Je'sus Christ : (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæ'a, and began from Gal'ilee, after the baptism which John preached ;

38 How God anointed Je'sus of Naz'areth with the Holy Ghost and with power : who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil ; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jeru'salem ; whom they slew and hanged on a tree :

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly.

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Pe'ter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Peter was staying at the house of Simon the tanner, three strangers called to see him with a message from a Roman soldier called Cornelius, who lived at Cæsarea, asking him to come and see him.

Now Cornelius, although he did not belong to the Jewish nation, was a good man who loved and worshipped the true God. He was well known also among the Jews for his kind acts and gifts to the poor.

One afternoon, as he was praying in his house, an angel spoke to him, saying, "The Lord is much pleased with you, Cornelius, and means to send you a great blessing. So make haste and send to Joppa for His servant Peter, who will tell you what you must do." About the same time Peter also had a vision from the Lord, telling him not to be afraid to visit Cornelius. So he invited the

captain's servants to stay all night, and early the next morning Peter, with some of the believers, set out with them for Cæsarea.

Now Cornelius was expecting him, and had invited some of his friends to hear what message Peter should bring him from the Lord.

One of the first things that Peter explained to Cornelius was this: that, although the Jews had been the chosen people of God for so long, God had taught him that He loved every one exactly alike, and was willing to take anyone for His servant who would trust and obey Him. Then, starting at the beginning, Peter told Cornelius and his friends the whole story of Jesus' life and death and resurrection, proving Him to be the Saviour of the world.

While Peter was talking, the Holy Spirit

came upon Cornelius and all those who were listening. And they began to glorify God in the same way as the first believers had done on the day of Pentecost.

Now the Jewish believers who were with Peter were much surprised when they saw that the Spirit had visited these Gentiles, whom they called heathen. But Peter said, "Why should they not be baptized? If they believe in Jesus, they are servants of God the same as ourselves"; so he gave them permission. And they invited Peter to stay among them a few days longer. Those days, we may be sure, were very busy ones for Peter; he would have so many things to tell.

WILLIE'S LITTLE BROTHERS

Little Willie Garland came to stay with me one morning while his mother went down town.

"I've brought my work," he said, settling himself on the sofa and pulling out a square of patchwork from the pocket of his sailor-blouse. "Are you going to make a quilt for your little bed, Willie?" I asked. "No, it's for one of my little brothers." "Your brothers, child; I didn't know you had any." "Oh, yes, I've lots of them," said Willie. "Miss Brown, my Sunday School teacher, told us about them, but they

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Cornelius? 2. What kind of man was he? 3. What was he doing when the angel visited him? 4. Why did he send for Peter? 5. Why was Peter willing to go to his house? 6. Where was Peter when Cornelius sent for him? 7. Who were waiting with Cornelius to hear what Peter would say? 8. Were Cornelius and his friends Jews or Gentiles? 9. What difference did Peter say this made in the sight of God? 10. What great gift did the Lord send upon these Gentiles? 11. What did the Jewish believers think about it? 12. What is the Golden Text?

live a long way from here, and some of them have black faces and some yellow; some of them wear their hair in long braids under their hats, and some of them have curly black hair and wear no hats at all."

Then I knew that Willie was thinking of the heathen children in Africa and China who know nothing of God. "When I'm a man, I'm going to see my little brothers and tell them about Jesus," he said.

Just then his mother came for him and he showed her his work all nicely finished. Was he not a little missionary?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

 Christ is gracious to all 

Primary Catechism—85. Which is the Seventh Commandment? The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." **86. What did Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment?** Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all impure thoughts.

Shorter Catechism—18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell?

A. The sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Lesson Hymn

There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold;
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold,
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

'Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine,
Are they not enough for Thee?'
But the Shepherd made answer: 'This of
Mine
Has wandered away from Me;
And, although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find My sheep.'

Amen.

—Hymn 134, Book of Praise

Lesson IV. **GENTILES RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH** April 27, 1902

Acts 11 : 4-15. Study Acts 11 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 7-9.

Golden Text—Whosoever believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.—Acts 10 : 43.

4 But Pe'ter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Jop'pa praying ; and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners ; and it came even to me :

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Pe'ter ; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord : for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times : and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæsare'a unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house :

13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Jop'pa, and call for Si'mon, whose surname is Pe'ter,

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Until the day that Peter preached the gospel to Cornelius, those who believed on Christ had all belonged to the Jewish nation. Now the Jews were forbidden by their law to eat certain animals and would on no account go to visit or take dinner with a man who was a Gentile.

When the apostles and the Jewish believers heard that Peter had not only preached the gospel to Cornelius, but had gone to his house and taken meals with him, they were much displeased, and when Peter came back to Jerusalem they began to blame him for what he had done.

Then Peter stood up to explain how God had showed him in a vision that the time had come when the gospel must be preached to those outside the Jewish nation as well as to the Jews. This is what Peter said :

"One day while I was staying at Simon's

house in Joppa, I went up on the housetop to pray. While there I became very hungry, and looking up, I saw beside me something that looked like a great sheet of sail-cloth let down by its four corners from the sky. It was full of all kinds of strange animals, such as wild birds, and four-footed beasts, turtles and frogs, and lizards. And I heard a voice saying, 'Arise, Peter, kill something and eat it.' But I answered, 'Sir, I cannot, for I am a Jew, and all these are common creatures and are forbidden by us to be used as food.' But the voice replied, 'What God looks upon as pure you must not call common.'

"When this had happened three times in all, the sheet was drawn back into the sky and I was left alone.

"Then I got up and found three strangers waiting to take me to Cæsarea and the

Spirit told me to go. So taking these six believers, whom you see with me, I came to the house of Captain Cornelius. This man told me that he had been warned of God by an angel to send for me, that I might tell to him and his friends the good news of Jesus the Saviour.

"While I was speaking to Cornelius and his friends, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the very same way that He had come upon ourselves. When I saw that God had blessed them exactly as He had us, who was I that I should forbid them to be baptized, and so fight against the Lord?"

Now when the Jewish believers heard this, they could say nothing against what had been done, and began to praise and glorify God for His kindness in giving the gospel to the Gentiles.

AN OLD STORY

This story is from an old Jewish book :

When Abraham sat at his tent door, according to his custom, waiting to entertain strangers, he saw coming towards him an old man, stooping and leaning on his staff, weary with age and travel, who was a hundred years of age. He received him kindly, washed his feet, provided supper, and caused him to sit down ; but, observing that the old man ate and prayed not, nor begged for any blessing on his food, he asked him why he did not worship the God of heaven. The old man told him that he

worshipped the fire only, and acknowledged no other God. At which answer Abraham grew so angry that he thrust the old man out of his tent into the dark, cold night. When the old man was gone, God called to Abraham, and asked him where the stranger was. He replied, "I thrust him away because he did not worship Thee." God answered him, "I have borne with him these hundred years, nourished him, and clothed him, though he dishonored Me, and couldst not thou endure him for a single night?"



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To walk in the light of Jesus



Primary Catechism—87. Which is the Eighth Commandment? The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

Shorter Catechism—19. *What is the misery of that estate wherunto man fell?*

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the Jewish believers blame Peter for visiting Cornelius and preaching to him?
2. What did he tell them about, to show that he was in the right?
3. Where was Peter when he saw the vision?
4. What was in the sheet?
5. What was he invited to do?
6. What did Peter answer?
7. What did the voice say the second time?
8. Whom did Peter find waiting to see him?
9. Who told Peter to go with the messengers?
10. What did he do at Cæsarea?
11. What came upon Cornelius through the preaching of Peter?
12. What did the Jewish believers do when they heard that the Holy Spirit had been given to the Gentiles?
13. What is the Golden Text?
14. On whom are we to believe?
15. What do all who believe on Jesus receive from Him?

Lesson Hymn

Though the way may dark appear,
We will follow Jesus ;
He will make our pathway clear,
We will follow Jesus :
In our daily round of care,
As we plead with God in prayer,
With the cross which we must bear,
We will follow Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

Acts 11 : 19-30—Memory Verses, 22-24.

Golden Text—The hand of the Lord was with them : and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.—Acts 11 : 21.



19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Ste'phen travelled as far as Phen'i'ce, and Cy'prus, and An'tioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cy'prus and Cyre'ne, which, when they were come to An'tioch, spake unto the Gre'cians, preaching the Lord Je'sus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them : and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jeru'salem : and they sent forth Bar'nabas, that he should go as far as An'tioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith : and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Bar'nabas to Tar'sus, for to seek Saul :

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto An'tioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in An'tioch.

27 And in these days came prophets from Jeru'salem unto An'tioch.

28 And there stood up one of them named Ag'abus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world : which came to pass in the days of Clau'dius Cae'sar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judae'a :

30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Bar'nabas and Saul.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The very first church to be formed among the Gentiles or heathen people was begun in this way :

Some of the believers who had been driven out of Jerusalem at the time of Stephen's death travelled far away into other countries, carrying the good news with them. They began by preaching to the Jews only, for they did not yet know that the gospel was also given to the Gentiles.

Now when some of the Jews living at Cyprus and Cyrene became believers in Christ, they went into Syria and preached in the name of Jesus to the heathen Greeks at Antioch. And God so blessed their work that very many of these Gentiles became believers also. When the home church at

Jerusalem heard of these new believers, they were very glad and said, "We will send a missionary to the people of Antioch at once."

Now the one who was chosen to go on this errand was Barnabas, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. He was greatly pleased when he got to Antioch and saw how God had blessed the believers there. So he encouraged them and urged them above all things not to grow tired of pleasing their new Master.

After a time the Gentile church at Antioch grew so large that Barnabas needed someone to help him in teaching the people. The first man he thought of for this was Saul, the man who had done so much harm to the

church at Jerusalem, but who was now upon the Lord's side. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.

Here Saul and Barnabas worked together for a whole year, teaching and preaching to great numbers of people, who listened gladly to their message, and it was at Antioch that the believers first got the name of Christians. One day some prophets from Jerusalem visited the church at Antioch. One of them, whose name was Agabus, who had been warned by the Holy Spirit that a great famine was soon to come over all the world, began to speak about it to the Christians.

At once these Gentile believers said, "We will take up a collection to help those in the church who are poorer than we." So everyone among the Christians at Antioch gave something, and when it was all ready, they brought their present to Barnabas and Saul, who carried it to the elders of the church in Judea.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the people in places at a distance from Jerusalem come to hear the gospel?
2. To whom only did the disciples at first preach?
3. Who carried the good news into Syria?
4. What was the name of the city where they preached?
5. Who were the people living at Antioch?
6. Who sent them a missionary?
7. Who was chosen to go?
8. What kind of man was Barnabas?
9. What was his message to the new believers?
10. Why did he need anyone to help him?
11. Who was Saul?
12. How long did Barnabas and Saul work together at Antioch?
13. By what name did these believers come to be called?
14. Who was Agabus?
15. What did the Christians at Antioch do for their poorer brethren?
16. Had they ever seen the people they were helping?
17. How many of them gave towards this present?
18. To whom did they send it?
19. What is the Golden Text?
20. What is meant by the hand of the Lord?

LITTLE GIVERS

Little givers, do your part
With a glad and willing heart,
For the angel voices say,
"Little givers! give to-day."

Give to all the darkened earth
Tidings of a Heavenly birth,
Till the youth in every land
Learn the Saviour's sweet command.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To bring others to Jesus



Primary Catechism—88. Which is the Ninth Commandment? The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." **89.** What is it to bear false witness against our neighbour? It is to say what is not true about others.

Shorter Catechism—20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Lesson Hymn

Tell it out among the heathen Jesus reigns
above!
Tell it out among the nations that His name
is love!
Tell it out among the highways and the lanes
at home;
Let it ring across the mountains and the
ocean foam;
Like the sound of many waters let our glad
shout be,
Till it echo and re-echo from the islands of
the sea!

Amen.

—Hymn 566, Book of Praise

Lesson VI.

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON

May 11, 1902

Acts 12 : 1-9. Study Acts 12 : 1-19—Memory Verses, 5-7.

Golden Text—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34 : 7.



chains fell off from *his* hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him ; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel : but thought he saw a vision.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Again the church at Jerusalem was in great trouble. The wicked king Herod had put a good man to death. It was James the apostle, one of the three disciples whom Jesus loved best.

When Herod saw that his cruel acts pleased the Jews, he sent for Peter next and put him in prison, saying to himself, "I will wait until after the feast of the Passover, then I will kill this man also." In the prison, Peter was given in charge of four soldiers, who put chains on his feet and hands and watched him closely all the time.

When the believers heard what had been done to Peter, they were very sad and said, "Let us meet together and pray to God night and day, that He will save Peter's life."

The night before Herod meant to kill him, Peter was fast asleep in the prison, chained to two soldiers, one on either side, and two

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him ; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison : but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains : and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison : and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his

others with their swords keeping watch by the door. Suddenly a bright light shone around him in the dark prison and an angel from heaven touched him on the side, and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly, Peter, and put on your belt and shoes."

Immediately the heavy iron chains fell off upon the floor and Peter stood up. "Throw your cloak around you and follow me," said the angel. Then, going before him, the angel led Peter through the prison and past the sleeping soldiers until they came to the great iron gate leading out into the street. It was locked fast. They had no key, but all at once it opened of itself, and when Peter and the angel had gone through, it closed quietly behind them.

They were now outside in the streets of Jerusalem, but Peter could hardly believe it, and supposed he must be dreaming.

When the angel had taken him as far as

the corner of the road, he went back to heaven, and Peter was left standing by himself in the dark. When he came to himself he said, "This is a strange thing! A few minutes ago I was shut up in prison, and now I am free. Surely it was God Himself who sent His angel to save me from the wicked Jews and from King Herod."

After he had stood some time thinking and wondering what he should do, Peter began to walk quickly towards the house of a kind woman called Mary. Although it was the middle of the night, a number of believers were still there praying.

When Peter knocked, a maid came to the door whose name was Rhoda. When she heard Peter's voice she was so surprised and pleased that she forgot to let him in, and ran to those inside, saying, "Peter is come! He is at the door!" But they could not believe it and said, "You are mistaken, Rhoda. Peter is in prison."

But she answered, "It is Peter." "It may be his angel," said they. "It can never be Peter himself." So Peter went on knocking, and when at last they opened the door he told them the whole story, as soon

as they were quiet enough to listen to it. After telling them to send the good news to the other believers, Peter went away to a safe place.

When the soldiers found that Peter was not in the prison, they were much frightened, and when they could not explain how he had got away, the angry king ordered that they be put to death.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Herod put to death for the sake of Jesus?
2. What did he do to Peter?
3. What did the believers do while Peter was in danger?
4. Did God answer their prayer?
5. How was Peter brought out of the prison?
6. How did they get through the prison gate?
7. What did Peter at first suppose it all meant?
8. Where did the angel leave him?
9. To whose house did Peter go?
10. Why did Rhoda not open the door?
11. What did those inside say when she told them that Peter had come?
12. Did Peter stay in Jerusalem?
13. What did Herod do when he found Peter was gone?
14. What is the Golden Text?
15. What does this teach us about the angels?

THE ANGEL'S SONG

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus is near those who love Him



Primary Catechism—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment? The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet." **91.** What is it to covet? To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

Shorter Catechism—21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Lesson Hymn

My Saviour, be Thou near me
When I lie down to sleep,
And safe from every danger
My soul and body keep.
With Thee there is no darkness,
The light it shineth still;
My Saviour, be Thou near me,
And I will fear no ill.

Amen.

—Hymn 400, Book of Praise

Acts 13 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Golden Text—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.—Matt. 28 : 19.

1 Now there were in the church that was at An'tioch certain prophets and teachers ; as Bar'nabas, and Sim'eon that was called Ni'ger, and Lu'cius of Cyre'ne, and Man'a-en, which had been brought up with Her'od the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Bar'nabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleu'cia ; and from thence they sailed to Cy'prus.

5 And when they were at Sal'amis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews : and they had also John to *their* minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Pa'phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-je'sus :

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Ser'gius Paul'us, a prudent man ; who called for Bar'nabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But El'ymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord ?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness ; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

THE LESSON RETOLD.

Among the teachers and prophets in the church at Antioch, there were a number of good men whose names are written in the Bible, that everyone may remember them for their good works. Besides Saul and Barnabas, there was "black" Simeon, and Lucius, who, as a boy, had been brought up in Africa, and many others.

One day, as these men were fasting and praying before the Lord, the Holy Spirit said, "You are now able to carry on the church at Antioch without the help of Saul and Barnabas. The Lord needs them for a new work ; He is going to send them as foreign missionaries and you must help them to get ready."

So the Christians obeyed, and when they

had prayed and fasted together, the elders of the church at Antioch laid their hands upon Saul and Barnabas and sent them away.

Now Saul and Barnabas walked a short distance until they came to the sea. Then they went on board a ship and after sailing a few days, landed at a place called Salamis in the island of Cyprus. Barnabas knew the place well, for he was born in this island, and he and Saul went at once to the synagogue, where they preached the word of God to the Jews who were gathered for worship.

Here they met John Mark, a young nephew of Barnabas, who helped them a great deal and took them to the other side of the island to a place called Paphos. It was here that the Roman Governor, Sergius

Paulus, lived. This governor was a wise man who wanted to find out the truth, and he at once invited the two missionaries to come to his house and let him hear their message.

Now among those who were with the governor was a certain Jew called Bar-Jesus, a false prophet or sorcerer, who was trying to deceive the governor by his cleverness. When he heard what Saul and Barnabas had to say, he scoffed at their preaching, knowing that if the governor became a Christian, his own trade would be gone.

Then Saul, or Paul as he was now called, being filled with the spirit of truth, rebuked this pretender, saying, "The hand of the Lord is upon you even now, and you shall be blind for a time, and unable to see the sun."

While Paul was speaking, a mist of darkness came upon the man at once, and he went feeling about for someone to guide him. When the governor saw what had happened, he became a believer in Jesus, and was filled

with the greatest wonder and surprise at what he had seen and heard of the ways of the true God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of men were there in the church at Antioch?
2. To what new work did God call Paul and Barnabas?
3. From what place did they set out?
4. How were they set apart for this work?
5. Where did they land?
6. Which of the missionaries had ever lived in the island?
7. What did they do at Salamis?
8. Who joined them here?
9. Who lived at Paphos?
10. What kind of man was the governor?
11. Why did he send for Paul and Barnabas?
12. Who was Bar-Jesus?
13. Why did he laugh at the believers' message?
14. How did Paul answer him?
15. How was the pretender punished?
16. How did he show that he was really blind?
17. What did this miracle do for the governor?
18. What is the Golden Text?

A MISTAKE DISCOVERED

A boy who had been set to mix paint, dropped a few drops of red color into a pot of white lead, and trying to hide the mischief, stirred all together, till it looked to him all right. But when the painter saw it,

he instantly noticed the difference and knew it was impure and useless for the clear white which he wished to paint. So the Spirit of God can at once prove a man's work of what sort it is.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should be a light-bearer



Primary Catechism—22. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us?
Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

Shorter Catechism—22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Lesson Hymn

Let Thy kingdom come, we pray Thee,
Let the world in Thee find rest;
Let all know Thee, and obey Thee—
Loving, praising, blessing, blest.

Let the sweet and joyful story
Of the Saviour's wondrous love
Wake on earth a song of glory
Like the angels' song above.

Amen.

—Hymn 565, Book of Praise

Lesson VIII.

PAUL AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

May 25, 1902

Acts 13 : 43-52—Memory Verses, 46, 47.

Golden Text—Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13 : 38.



eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Bar'nabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Ico'nium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Paul and Barnabas left the island of Cyprus they went by ship to the province of Pisidia, where there was another city called Antioch.

The next Sabbath Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and sat down. When the rulers saw that they were teachers, they invited them, as was the custom, to speak to the people. Then Paul stood up and began to preach the gospel of Christ, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the promised Saviour. Now many of the people listened gladly, and when the meeting was over, many of the congregation followed Paul and Barnabas to learn more about the teaching of Jesus. Soon everybody in the city had heard of Paul's sermon, and the next Sabbath almost the whole town gathered in the synagogue to hear him.

Now when the Jewish teachers saw the

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Bar'nabas : who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Bar'nabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you : but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gen'tiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gen'tiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gen'tiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord : and as many as were ordained to

the Lord was published throughout all the

crowds who followed Paul and Barnabas, they were very jealous and began to contradict, and dispute angrily about their message, knowing that if the people became Christians their own power would be gone. But Paul and Barnabas only became stronger and more fearless and said, "It is God's will that His message be preached to you who are Jews first, but if you will not believe it is your own loss. If you do not want eternal life, we will go and preach to the heathen. For Jesus is the Saviour of everyone in the world."

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and many of them immediately became followers of the Lord Jesus. Now those among both Jews and Gentiles who believed told the good news to their friends, so that in a short time the whole country had heard the gospel.

When the Jews saw that they could do nothing else to stop the preaching of Paul and Barnabas, they stirred up trouble against them among the chief ladies of the town and some of the great men. So when it was no longer safe to stay in that place, Paul and Barnabas shook the dust of their feet off against the people of Antioch and leaving their neighborhood went to Iconium.

However, they were in no wise discouraged at this ill-treatment, but were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul and Barnabas go when

they left Cyprus? 2. How was it that they were invited to speak in the synagogue? 3. What did Paul preach about? 4. How did the people show that they were pleased with his teaching? 5. How many came to hear him on the next Sabbath? 6. Did any believe on Jesus? 7. Why were the Jews angry? 8. How did Paul answer them? 9. How did the Gentiles feel when they knew that the message was for them also? 10. How did the Jews at last drive Paul and Barnabas out of the neighborhood? 11. Where did they go? 12. What kept them from being discouraged? 13. What is the Golden Text?

A CHANCE FOR HEROISM

"Oh, dear," said Willie Gray, as he sat on the saw-horse in the back shed looking at the kindling-wood he ought to have been splitting for his mother. "I do wish I could do something for the world—some great act like Nelson or Paul that everyone would admire."

Just then his cousin, John Maynard, whom Willie admired greatly and who was spending a few days at his uncle's home on his way back to college for the winter, came into the shed just in time to overhear the boy's remark.

"So you want to be a hero, that people may talk about you?" said the young man. "Oh," replied Willie, coloring, for he did

not want John to think badly of him, "I want to do good—convert the heathen or save a ship, or something like that. There's no harm in that, I'm sure."

"All the heroes that I can remember have begun by doing the nearest duty, however small," said his cousin, quietly picking up the axe that Willie had thrown down when he had begun to talk about being a hero. This brought Willie to his senses. "I believe I've wasted enough time thinking what I might do," he said to himself, jumping down to gather the sticks. "I guess I'd better begin my heroism by fighting my own laziness," and from that very day he did.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should seek the light



Primary Catechism—93. Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments? We should ask God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us to keep his commandments.

Shorter Catechism—23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Lesson Hymn

Light of life, so softly shining
From the blood-besprinkled tree;
Never waning nor declining
Shine, shine on me—
Never waning nor declining
Shine, shine on me.

Amen.

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

Acts 14 : 8-19. Study Acts 14 : 8-22—Memory Verses, 8-10.

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



8 And there sat a certain man at Lys'tra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked.

9 The same heard Paul speak : who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycao'nia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Bar'nabas, Ju'piter ; and Paul, Mercu'rius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Ju'piter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Bar'nabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye

should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein :

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 And there came thither certain Jews from An'tioch and Ico'nium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

THE LESSON RETOLD

From Iconium Paul and Barnabas went to Lystra, where the people were not Jews, but Greeks. Here they worshipped heathen gods, who were supposed to be much like men, only having greater strength and cleverness.

One of their gods was called Jupiter, in whose honor the people of Lystra had built a temple. Now there used to sit in the streets of Lystra a poor cripple who had never been able to walk. This man was among the first to listen to the preaching of the missionaries. When Paul saw that he had faith to be healed, he said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet!" And at once the man jumped up and began walking about.

When the people saw it, they all shouted

together, "Now we know who these strangers are ; they are the gods themselves come down to visit us." So they called Barnabas, Jupiter, the king of the gods, and Paul, Mercury, because of the two he was the better speaker. Then the priest who made the offerings at the temple of Jupiter, followed by a great procession of people, brought oxen and garlands to the house where Paul and Barnabas were staying, intending to worship and offer a sacrifice to them.

When Paul and Barnabas saw this, they were greatly shocked, and, as a sign that they were displeased, they tore their clothes, and rushing out among the crowd they cried, "Why do you do this? See, we are only men like yourselves, who have come to bring you a message from the true God, who

is not like the weak and foolish creatures you worship, for He made the sky and the earth and the sea and everything that is in them. Though you do not know it, it is He who blesses you with good harvests, sending His rain and sun upon them that you may be fed."

But even with these words the mob could scarcely be persuaded to go away. However, in a few days the feelings of the people had greatly changed. Now some of the Jews, who had treated God's messengers so badly at Antioch and Iconium, followed them to Lystra, where they persuaded the heathen that Paul and Barnabas were bad men. So then they stoned Paul and threw him out of the city for dead. But when the believers had gathered around him he got up and they helped him back into the town.

The next day Paul and Barnabas went to Derbe, where he again preached and taught in the name of Jesus. But he did not forget those who had believed in Lystra and

Antioch, but visited them all soon again, begging them not to be easily turned away from their new faith. "For," said he, "it is only through many troubles that we can enter into the kingdom of God."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of people lived at Lystra?
2. What did they worship?
3. Who was among the first to believe the gospel at this place?
4. What did Paul do for the cripple?
5. What did the heathen then say about the missionaries?
6. How did Paul and Barnabas stop the people who wanted to worship them?
7. What did they say about the true God?
8. Why did the people afterwards turn against them?
9. What did they do to Paul?
10. Did he die?
11. Where did Paul and Barnabas next preach?
12. How did Paul show kindness to the believers in the towns where he had been ill-used?
13. What did he tell them about troubles?
14. What is the Golden Text?

WHAT THE WIND SAID

There was once a young wheat-plant living in a beautiful field. "I shall stay here always," it said, "and be very happy: it is so lovely here."

One day the wind whispered, "Something is going to happen, little plant, that you will not like. But do not be afraid of a little pain—it may bring you great honor."

Sure enough, before long the reapers came and the wheat plant was laid flat upon the

ground. From the field it was taken to the thresher, from the thresher to the mill, where the great wheels ground it to powder. But the worst was not yet. Soon it was thrust into a fiery oven in the kitchen of a king's palace. "Now I shall die," it thought, when suddenly! it was drawn forth, no longer wheat nor flour, but part of a beautiful and perfect loaf ready for the king's table.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To stand fast for Jesus

Primary Catechism—94. What is prayer? Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. **95.** To whom should we pray? We should pray to God only.

Shorter Catechism—24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up for Jesus, Christian stand!
Sound forth His Name o'er sea and land!
Spread ye His glorious Word abroad,
Till all the world shall own Him Lord!
Amen.

—Hymn 260, Book of Praise

THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

June 8, 1902

Acts 15 : 22-33—Memory Verses, 30-32.

Golden Text—Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.—Gal. 5 : 1.



22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to An'tioch with Paul and Bar'nabas : *namely*, Ju'das surnamed Bar'sabas, and Si'las, chief men among the brethren.

23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner ; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gen'tiles in An'tioch and Syr'ia and Ci-lici'a :

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law : to whom we gave no *such* commandment :

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Bar'nabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Je'sus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Ju'das and Si'las, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things ;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication : from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed they came to An'tioch : and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle :

31 *Which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Ju'das and Si'las, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words and confirmed *them*.

33 And after they had tarried *there* a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul and Barnabas had finished their first missionary journey, they came back to Antioch in Syria, from which place they had set out.

Some members of the church in Judæa, where the Christians at Antioch had sent their present at the time of famine, came down to see them. These men taught that believing in Jesus was not enough to save a man ; he must keep a certain Jewish law called circumcision as well. Now these men were making a mistake, and Paul and Barnabas told them so, but they still went on stirring up trouble in the church.

At last, to settle the matter, the Christians at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to ask the apostles and elders about it.

Then the whole church being gathered together in Jerusalem, with the apostles and elders, said, "We will send two of our wisest teachers to Antioch to try and undo this mischief." So they chose Judas and Silas to go back to Syria with Paul and Barnabas. Before they started they gave them a letter addressed to the Christians at Antioch, which read like this :

"Jerusalem,

"A.D. 52.

"Dear Christian Brothers :—

"We the apostles and elders of the church, send you our best wishes. We are sorry that some who had no permission from us have troubled your minds with useless questions. We were very glad to see your two brave missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, and

when they go back we are going to send with this letter two good men to visit you, Judas and Silas. They will explain anything you do not understand.

"We do not wish to lay any rule upon you except this: that you try to live pure and holy lives. Keep far away from the sinful pleasures of the heathen about you, that you may not slip back into idol worship. Besides, if you follow the Jewish laws about eating and drinking, you will be safe.

"FAREWELL."

As soon as the messengers reached Antioch, they called a meeting of the believers and handed them the letter. Now, when the Christians of Antioch saw what was in it, they were greatly comforted.

When Judas and Silas had stayed some time in Antioch, they were allowed to return

home again, carrying kindly wishes from the Christians with them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came from another church to visit the Christians at Antioch? 2. What did they teach? 3. Was this true? 4. Who told them they were mistaken? 5. To whom did they send to settle the dispute? 6. Who took the message? 7. What did the apostles and elders decide to do? 8. Whom did they choose to send to Antioch? 9. Why did they choose these men? 10. What did they send with them? 11. Did the letter say they must be circumcised? 12. What did it say Judas and Silas would do? 13. What did it warn the Christians against? 14. How did the people receive it? 15. What is the Golden Text?

MAY'S IDOL

"Mama, I don't think we need the first commandment now," said May, looking up from her lesson. "Nobody in this country ever thinks of setting up a great ugly idol and worshipping it as the heathen do."

"Are you sure you have never broken it yourself, May," asked mother.

"Why mama, of course I haven't." "I saw a little girl in church last Sunday," said her mother, "a little Christian child who

had gone to worship God in His holy temple. But she was so taken up with stroking the feathers in her new hat that she heard not one word of either praise or prayer. She had put this idol of feathers and ribbon in the place of God."

All at once May's face grew crimson. "Oh mama, I know whom you mean," she said. "But I never once thought how wrong it was."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should do God's will



Primary Catechism—96. May we pray to Jesus Christ? Yes; because Jesus Christ is God. **97.** May we pray to the Holy Spirit? Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

Shorter Catechism—25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Lesson Hymn

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

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

Acts 16 : 6-15—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Thou shalt be his witness unto all men.—Acts 22 : 15.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phryg'ia and the region of Gala'tia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in A'sia,

7 After they were come to Mys'ia, they assayed to go into Bithyn'ia : but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mys'ia came down to Tro'as.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night ; There stood a man of Macedo'nia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedo'nia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedo'nia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Tro'as, we came with a straight course to Samothra'cia, and the next day to Neap'olis ;

12 And from thence to Philip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedo'nia, and a colony : and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made ; and we sat down and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named Lyd'ia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyati'ra, which worshipped God, heard *us* : whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After about six years the apostle Paul set out on a second missionary journey. This time his companions were Silas and a young believer from Lystra called Timothy.

They revisited all the churches that had been begun by Paul and Barnabas, and started many new ones. They were getting on so well, and the people wherever they went listened so gladly, that the missionaries thought they would go further east into Asia and preach the gospel there also.

But Paul was warned by the Holy Spirit not to do this, but to turn and go towards the west. At last they came to the seaport town of Troas, from which they could see in the distance the coast line of Macedonia in Europe. Here Paul one night had a vision, in which he saw a man from Macedonia standing on the opposite shore, and calling to him, "*Come over into Macedonia and help us!*"

By this sign Paul knew that the Lord wanted him to go and preach to the people of Europe. So he at once began to inquire if there was any ship that would take them across. When they had found one, the missionaries left Troas and sailed to the city of Philippi, the largest town in Macedonia.

Now there were many Jews living there, although the city belonged to the heathen Romans, a nation whom all Jews hated, but from whose rule they could not get free. There was no synagogue in the city of Philippi, but every Sabbath, when it was fine weather, the Jewish strangers would gather outside the gate of the town by the quiet river-side for worship.

On the first Sabbath afternoon after they came to Philippi, Paul and his friends, hearing of this custom, walked down to the river-bank, and, sitting down, began at once to preach to some women who were waiting

there for the service to begin. Among those who were listening was a Jewess called Lydia, who had come over from the neighboring town of Thyatira to sell some purple cloth, for which her town was noted, in the city market. This woman was the first person in all Europe to believe the gospel of Jesus, and after further teaching from the missionaries she and all her family were baptized.

When Lydia found that Paul and his companions were going to remain some time in Philippi, she invited and even begged them to come and stay at her house, saying, "Please do this much to show that you think me a true believer." Then Paul and Timothy and Silas went home with her, and she showed them much kindness.

LITTLE GIRLS CAN HELP

It was a rainy day, and Patty went up to the nursery to look over her trunkful of picture books. In one of them was a picture of a little Indian boy. It made her think of something her Sunday School teacher had told her. She had said that the missionaries often win the people to come and hear the story of Jesus by giving them books and pictures; and she asked Patty and the other little girls if they would give

some of theirs for this purpose.

Patty liked her books very much; she thought she would like to keep them. Then she remembered how many nice things God had given her. At last she went downstairs and said,

"Mama, I am going to send my picture-books to the little Indians."

"I am sure God will bless you for it, dear," said her mother, kissing her.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should send the light abroad

Primary Catechism—98. For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers? We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. **99.** For whom should we pray besides ourselves? God's Word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

Shorter Catechism—26. *How doth Christ execute the office of a king?*

A. Christ executeth the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Lesson Hymn

Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O Salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim
Till each remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's name.

Amen.

—Hymn 443, Book of Praise

Rom. 13 : 8-14—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.—Rom. 13 : 12.



and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet ; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep : for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand : let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day ; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,

THE LESSON RETOLD

The apostle Paul travelled into Europe as far as Rome, where he also preached the gospel of Jesus.

The Romans had always been great soldiers and had conquered many nations in battle. But when they had made themselves the strongest rulers in the world they were satisfied, and grew lazy and indolent, finding their chief pleasure in eating and drinking. But Paul was anxious that the Roman Christians should show a good example to their heathen neighbors, many of whom were wholly given up to pleasure and enjoyment.

So the apostle wrote a long epistle or letter to the Romans to warn and advise them about certain things. In this letter he tells the new believers how to act toward their companions, whether they be believers or heathen.

"First of all," says Paul "be honest—owe no man anything. But this is not enough ; you must also keep the laws, and so help your neighbor to keep them. For this reason, you must not steal from your neighbor.

You must not covet his things, nor kill him. Neither must you tell what is not true about him. Even this is not all. A true follower of Jesus must do one thing more—he must love his neighbor as himself. Now," said Paul, "the man that truly loves his neighbor will find no trouble in keeping these rules. He will be as anxious for other people's welfare as his own."

Two of the sins that Paul in this letter wrote strongly against, were drunkenness and over-eating. Many of the heathen Romans spent whole days and nights in this way. "You are wiser now than when you first heard of Christ," says Paul to the Christians, "but do not forget that life is passing quickly. This is no time for sleeping and evil pleasures. The only safe plan is to give up these works of darkness altogether. Come out into the broad light of day and live soberly and decently without envying and quarreling and God will bless you."

For fear some of the Christians might suppose that Paul wanted them to have a hard

and unpleasant time, he tells them how they may have the very best of times.

Here is his secret; "Be altogether taken up with the things that will please Jesus Christ, and you will never think of wanting to do the things that will displease Him."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of people were the Romans?
2. Who preached the Gospel to them?
3. What is the name of the letter Paul wrote to the Roman Christians?
4. What laws

did he tell them to keep toward their neighbors? 5. What else did he say a follower of Jesus must do? 6. How much was he to love him? 7. What two sins did the apostle give special warning against? 8. What is the only safe thing to do about things that are evil? 9. What did Paul say about envying and quarreling? 10. Did Paul want the believers to have no enjoyment? 11. What things did he say give the most pleasure? 12. What is the Golden Text? 13. What is meant by the armor of light?

OUR PET SIN

While I was walking in the garden one morning, a breeze came through and set all the flowers and leaves a-flutter.

Presently an elder tree said, "Flowers, shake off your caterpillars."

"Why?" said a dozen together. The elder tree said, "If you don't, they'll gobble you up."

So the flowers set themselves a-shaking till the caterpillars were shaken off. In one of the middle beds there was a beautiful rose that shook off all but one.

The elder tree noticed her, and called,

"One caterpillar is enough to spoil you; why don't you shake him off?"

"But," said the rose, "look at his brown and crimson fur, and his beautiful black eyes. I want to keep him. Surely one won't hurt me."

A few mornings after I passed the rose again. There was not a whole leaf on her.

"Alas! I didn't think one caterpillar would ruin me," she cried.

One sin like drunkenness or evil-temper has ruined many a man and woman. This is an old story, but a true lesson.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To put on the armor of light



Primary Catechism—100. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer? Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven." (See Matt. 6: 9-13.) **101.** What is this prayer commonly called? This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

Shorter Catechism—27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Lesson Hymn

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions sub-
due;

Look ever to Jesus—He will carry you
through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*

Amen.

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

June 29, 1902

Golden Text—A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.—
Luke 2 : 32.

Shorter Catechism—Review Ques. 81-101.

Primary Catechism—Review Ques. 16-27.

Lesson Hymn

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

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

To rejoice in the light



	Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I.	Saul of Tarsus Converted.	Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.—Acts 3 : 19.
LESSON II.	Peter, Æneas and Dorcas.	Jesus Christ maketh thee whole.—Acts 9 : 34.
LESSON III.	Peter and Cornelius.	God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10 : 34.
LESSON IV.	Gentiles Received into the Church.	Whosoever believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.—Acts 10 : 43.
LESSON V.	The Church at Antioch in Syria.	The hand of the Lord was with them ; and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.—Acts 11 : 21.
LESSON VI.	Peter Delivered from Prison.	The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34 : 7.
LESSON VII.	The Early Christian Missionaries.	Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.—Matt. 28 : 19.
LESSON VIII.	Paul at Antioch in Pisidia.	Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13 : 38.
LESSON IX.	Paul at Lystra.	Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Tim. 2 : 3.
LESSON X.	The Council at Jerusalem.	Stand fast therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.—Gal. 5 : 1.
LESSON XI.	Paul Crosses to Europe.	Thou shalt be his witness unto all men.—Acts 22 : 15.
LESSON XII.	Temperance Lesson.	Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.—Rom. 13 : 12.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing that you have learned from each lesson.

<p>LESSON I. Saul of Tarsus converted.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Early Christian Missionaries.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Peter, Aeneas and Dorcas.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Paul at Antioch in Pisidia.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Peter and Cornelius.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Paul at Lystra.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Gentiles received into the Church.</p>	<p>LESSON X. The Council at Jerusalem.</p>
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<p>LESSON VI. Peter Delivered from Prison.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Temperance Lesson.</p>

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