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Another Tea Fable

While tea is native to the mountain ranges of Northern India it was first cultivated and used in China. One story of how the good quality of the leaf was discovered is that Chin Nung, to whom the Chinese ascribe all knowledge relating to agriculture and medicine, was one day preparing his evening meal, and he placed on the fire some branches of the tea bush. A few leaves fell into the water he was heating, and he found the beverage thus made so exhilarating that he recommended the use of the leaves to his followers. According to the fable this was nearly 5,000 years ago.

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Oh, little child, lie still and sleep!
Jesus is near,
Thou need'st not fear!
No one need fear whom God doth keep,
By day or night ;
So lay thee down in slumber deep
Till morning light.

Oh, little child, lie still and rest !
He sweetly sleeps
Whom Jesus keeps ; .
And in the morning wake so blest
His child to be.
Love every one, but love Him best ;
He first loved thee.

Some of Jesus' Friends

II. HIS COUSIN.

His name was John. He was called John the Baptist, when he became a minister, at thirty years of age, because he baptized so many people. He told the people that Jesus, the great Saviour and King, was coming, and that they must turn from their sins to be ready for His coming. Those that turned from their sins, John baptized as a sign that they were now to live a holy life.

John's mother, Elizabeth, and Jesus' mother, Mary, were cousins, and John was only six months old when Jesus was born. The painters long ago loved to paint the baby John, with his mother, worshiping the baby Jesus. This, of course, was only a fancy. But when the children both grew up and both began to preach, John knew that Jesus was indeed far greater than he, and that He had come from God to take away the sin of the whole world. When Jesus came to him to be baptized by him, God spoke from heaven, and said of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, in

whom I am well pleased."

It was through John that Jesus' first two disciples were led to come to Him, and he remained faithful to His wonderful Kinsman all his life.

Nothing could turn away this brave and noble preacher from doing what was right and from telling evil people of their sins. It was for this that the wicked King Herod put him to death ; and when that dreadful thing happened, Jesus felt that He had indeed lost one of His very best friends.

The S. K. M. U.

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

Every one loved dear old Aunt Kate. A reproof from her was never resented, it was so wise and so kindly ; and when she said, "Did you ever hear, my dear, 'Unselfish mothers make selfish children' ; for my part, I don't think the mother is really unselfish, do you?" , it set Mrs. Burnham thinking. Looking back over the afternoon she and Aunt Kate had spent together, she understood the inference. She had asked her daughter Nellie to leave a pattern at the dressmaker's, and the reply had been, "Can't Tom do it ? Maud wants me to help fix her new doll's house."

Tom had called her to the top flat to find his stamp album : "he had hunted everywhere", he said, but Mrs. Burnham soon found it in its usual place, covered with a litter of school books.

Her eldest daughter had come in with the braid ripped off her skirt, which her mother had offered to replace, so she might not miss

her walk with one of her friends.

It was not an unusual afternoon. The mother discovered that the children were beginning to take it as a matter of course that her plans should be made to suit theirs; that at any time she might be disturbed, to wait on them. Aunt Kate was right; the children were growing selfish, and it was their mother's fault! Mrs. Burnham had faith enough in her children to feel that they needed only to be shown things as they were. So, next morning, when Tom called, "Mother, where's my cap?" instead of leaving the breakfast table to help in the search, she answered, "Probably where you left it, son, either in your room or the hall", and apparently oblivious to his impatient remarks, went quietly on with her breakfast.

Nellie was surprised to hear her mother say, "Leave a little early for school, dear, I want you to take Mrs. Brown's pattern." "Why, mother", she said, "you were to leave it on your way to prayer meeting." "I thought afterwards you would rather go the two blocks out of your way than have me go four", she replied.

And so it was all day. The children found their mother as kind and as interested in their studies and amusements as usual; but they *waited on themselves*, they were even asked to wait on others. The change was sudden enough, as Nellie said, "to make them sit up and take notice"; and they were quite ready for the talk that followed after tea.

They fully justified their mother's faith in them, and when Tom, who had always longed to belong to a society as the older boys did, said, "Let's form a society for keeping mother unselfish, the S.K.M.U., we'll call it", the girls laughingly agreed. That happened a year ago, and Mrs. Burnham says she is so truly unselfish, that she is the best waited-on mother in town.

St. John, N.B.

How to Teach the Hymn

By Miss E. M. Russell

In teaching a new hymn to the little ones, it is well to familiarize them with the air first, by having it played softly on the piano. When they know the melody well enough to be able to hum it, begin teaching the words.

In order that the child may sing with the understanding, the words should be explained in a simple way. Take, for instance, Hymn 483, in the Book of Praise. One might begin with a little talk like this:

Something came into my room this morning and wakened me. It didn't make any noise. It came so quietly, that I did not hear it. It didn't wait till the door was opened, but came right in at the window, and made the room very bright. Oh, I see you have guessed what it was! Yes,—the sunshine! Make a big round sun with your hands.

Tell me where the sunshine goes, besides in our rooms. All over the land,—the trees, the streets and the houses, the fields and away out on the water. Do people have to buy sunshine? No, it is free. Our hymn says:

"Summer suns are glowing
Over land and sea,
Happy light is flowing,
Bountiful and free."

Are you not glad when the day is bright? Tell me some other things that seem glad. Yes, the grass and the flowers, the trees and the birds, the brooks and the rivers. As the hymn says:

"Everything rejoices
In the mellow rays,
All earth's thousand voices
Swell the psalm of praise."

The sunshine is one of God's good gifts, for which we should say "I thank You" to the heavenly Father. Tell me some other gifts—our *food, clothes, rain, snow*, etc. I wonder if you know why God sends us these good gifts. Why do father and mother give gifts to their children? Because they love them. Yes, and that is why God sends His gifts to us. Just as God sends His sunshine all over the world, so He sends His love over all the world to everybody. Like the sunshine, it is *free* to men, women and children. The second verse tells us:

"God's free mercy streameth
Over all the world,
And His banner gleameth,
Everywhere unfurled.

Broad and deep and glorious
As the heaven above,
Shines in might victorious
His eternal love."

Can we always see the sun? What hides it? The clouds seem to spread a veil over

the sky and hide the sun from us. But it is shining there just the same. So, when things do not go right, we know God loves us just the same. Some day He will take us to His home in heaven, where there will be no clouds or night.

"We will never doubt Thee,
Though Thou veil Thy light ;
Life is dark without Thee ;
Death with Thee is bright."

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The Story as a Medium of Instruction

By Professor Frederick Tracy, Ph. D.

As a simple illustration, take the story of Samuel. This is concrete in the fullest sense. It gives abundant scope to the imagination. It deals, from first to last, with the doings of individuals. The scenes brought before us include the quiet home in Mount Ephraim, and the temple of Jehovah in the metropolis. The persons introduced to us include the devout parents, the innocent child, the august high priest and his dissolute sons. The movement of the narrative is vivid, dramatic.

Every one will admit that this story interests and fascinates the child. But does it instruct him ?

Most emphatically it does. If it did nothing else but stimulate his imagination, it would still play a real part in his instruction ; but it does more than that.

For example, in the various persons of the story, he gains real knowledge of some leading qualities in human character. In the home at Ramah he sees family affection ; in the person of Hannah, purity of heart, and parental love transfigured by the love of God and devotion to His service ; in Eli and his sons, some qualities of a more ignoble kind ; and in the boy Samuel, innocence, obedience, candor, reverence for age, and still greater reverence for Jehovah.

Further, the story stamps upon the child's mind the necessary connection between causes and effects, and so trains his reasoning powers. In the purity of the home in which Samuel was born, in the devoutness of his parents, in Hannah's deep desire to give the best she had to God and the nation, we have a group of causes ; while in the long and glorious career of Israel, we see

the effects of those causes. Thus this story helps to form the habit of seeking to explain things by their causes and by their results.

Finally (for our space, not the story, is exhausted) the eternal and radical difference between right and wrong is embedded in the very fibre of this story, and hence it develops the child's moral nature. First we see this difference in the two homes—the moral strictness and simplicity of Samuel's early training, and the moral looseness of the home in which Eli's sons were brought up. Then we see it in the contrast between the unconquerable righteousness of Samuel's character, and the personal vileness of Hophni and Phinehas. And then we see it in the contrast between the glory, prosperity and peace that Samuel's life brought to the nation, and the domestic shame and national calamity that resulted from the conduct of the sons of Eli.

And so this story instructs the child who hears it, for it adds to his knowledge, trains his judgment, and develops his character.

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To Dreamland

Swing, baby, swing to Dreamland ;
There, sweet, in slumber go ;
My song will blend in seemland
With songs the angels know ;
Thy hammock will be golden
And like the crescent moon,
And in its hollow holden
Thou wilt be sailing soon.

Wai Lin

By Miss Agnes I. Dickson

Wai Lin is a little Chinese girl four years of age. She was born into a home where girl babies were not loved as they are in Canada, and her parents soon decided to send her to an orphanage.

The children who are taken to such places are usually those who are ill, or for some reason cannot be sold ; for the Chinese who are not Christians, think it quite right to buy and sell children. Often these little waifs get very little love or care, and no one knows how to heal their sick bodies.

But what about Wai Lin ? As the woman was carrying her away, she was met by a Christian woman, who goes about from house

to house telling the people about Jesus. This Bible woman felt very sorry to see the dear baby being taken away, and told the woman that she would like to take her to a missionary in the city. So she took the baby to a lady who has a girls' school. There Wai Lin has lived ever since, not only being fed and clothed, but taught to know and love Jesus. Do you not think that God was very good to bring her to such a loving, happy home?

In the Home where I spent my vacation, there were ninety such children, none of them over eight years old. Their fathers and mothers had thrown them away, or wished to be rid of them, and Christians had brought them to this German Home in Hong Kong. They are taught to work as well as play; and as they grow older, they go to school, learn to sweep, dust, wash, and do many other useful things. Some of them are taught to nurse the sick, study medicine, and do Bible work. Many of them are married, and go to homes of their own.

Do you ask why all these children I write about are girls? Because in China most people think that girls are of very little use. "Will they not have to be clothed and fed? And when grown up, will it not cost a great deal of money to marry them? Then they will go to another home, and be no help to their father and mother."

There are times, too, when, if fathers are very poor, or have many sons, they will sell their boys to make money. One of the little boys living on a boat here, was stolen and sold, by a man who wanted money.

Kongmoon, South China

Sarah Josephine as a Witness

Louise and Nellie Potter were watching their mother dress for town. She was to be gone all the afternoon, and her little girls were to keep house and take care of grandmother.

"And we can do it just when we please, the blocks, and maps, and villages"; said Louise. "Only, I want you to be sure to have it done before I get home", said their mother, "and, of course I want each piece put in its own place."

"Of course", said Nellie. "We ought to have a witness, mother. "Well", said their mother, "how will Sarah Josephine do for a witness?" Sarah Josephine was Louise's great wax doll. Nellie looked over at her and laughed.

"All right", said she, "we'll have her for a witness. Every time we look at her it will make us think about our work."

The mother went away, and the little girls, after watching her step into the car at the corner, ran back to their playhouse.

"Let's make this playhouse look real nice", said Louise. "We do not have to, but mother would be sure to like it." "All right", said Nellie, "we will." So they set to work putting their playthings in place.

"Where can Emmeline's green hat be?" Nellie said. And then: "Oh, I remember! It is in our room. I must run and get it."

Away she ran, but in a minute she called from the upstairs window: "Louise! Sarah Josephine sits here witnessing that we haven't touched the blocks and things." "Oh, dear!" said Louise, "that's so."

They worked hard at the building blocks, and were beginning at the paper villages, when they heard the band playing, and ran downstairs.

Sure enough, there was something to be looked at. A procession, with camels, and ponies, and monkeys, and a little girl riding on a pony's back, with a big doll in her arms.

"She is even bigger than Sarah Josephine", said Nellie.

"Oh!" said Louise, "I don't think she is. I mean to go and get Sarah Josephine, and see. But in a minute she called from the window:

"Oh, Nellie, I can't bring Sarah Josephine! She is a witness, and she says we haven't put the map nor the villages away."

"Oh, dear!" said Nellie. "We must do it."

They worked hard, but it was not until their mother's car bell rang at the corner that every piece was in its place.

"Oh, my!" said Louise, "we've most missed getting done. If Sarah Josephine hadn't been a real good witness, we wouldn't have done it, would we?"—Selected

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1910

I. If there is an instrument in the room, have a few bars of soft music played, then let the teacher repeat :

“The quiet church is hushed in prayer,
We bow the head while waiting there ;
And softly now to God we speak
And for each child His blessing seek.”

II. PRAYER. Children repeating short and simple sentences after the teacher.

III. SINGING. Hymn 583, Book of Praise, vs. 3, 4. (These are the last two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

<p>Tell us, pilgrims, what you hope for In that far-off better land ? Spotless robes and crowns of glory, From a Saviour's loving hand : We shall drink of life's clear river, We shall dwell with God forever, In that bright and better land.</p>	<p>Pilgrims, may we travel with you To that bright and better land ? Come and welcome ! come and welcome ! Welcome to our pilgrim band ! Come, O come, and do not leave us ; Christ is waiting to receive us, In that bright and better land. Amen.</p>
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IV. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

V. OFFERING. Continue Offering Hymn from last Quarter (Tune 284, Book of Praise).

Oh bless the gifts we bring,
And let them useful be :
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee. Amen.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6 : 9-13. For those under eleven, The Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13 : 3-8, 18-23. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VII. SINGING. Hymn 575, Book of Praise.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. SINGING. Hymn 559, Book of Praise.

X. RECITE, with folded hands and bowed heads,

Lead, Holy Shepherd, lead us,
Thy feeble flock, we pray,
Thou King of little pilgrims,
Safe lead us all the way.

In Thy blest footprints guide us
Along the heavenward road ;
Thine age fills all the ages,
Undying Word of God !
—Hymn 582, Book of Praise

XI. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS AND DISMISS.

Lesson I.

THE POWER OF FAITH

April 3, 1910

Matthew 9 : 18-34—*Memory Verses, 28, 29.

Golden Text—All things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9 : 23.

- 18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead : but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.
 19 And Je'sus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.
 20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment :
 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.
 22 But Je'sus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort ; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.
 23 And when Je'sus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,
 24 He said unto them, Give place : for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.
 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.
 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.
 27 And when Je'sus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of Da'vid, have mercy on us.
 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him : and Je'sus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this ? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.
 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.
 30 And their eyes were opened ; and Je'sus straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.
 31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.
 32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.
 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake : and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Is'rael.
 34 But the Phar'isees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was at the feast in Matthew's house of which we were told in the Lesson before the last, one of the rulers of the synagogue came running up to Him, and falling on his knees, cried out, "My only little daughter is dying ; I pray Thee come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may live." And Jesus, always ready to help those in trouble, went with the poor father.

As they walked along, many people crowded round the great Healer. Among these was a woman who had suffered from a terrible disease for twelve years. She said to herself, "If I can but touch His garment, I know I shall be made well." So, coming in the crowd close behind Jesus, she touched the bottom of His long robe, and Jesus, knowing what she had done, turned about and said, "Daughter, be of good comfort ; thy faith hath made thee whole." And immediately the woman felt within herself that she had been cured.

At last Jesus came to the ruler's house, and when the crowd saw the hired mourners already weeping and wailing, they knew that the child must be dead. But Jesus said, "Let me in ; the child is not dead, but sleeping." When the people heard this, they only mocked at Him.

Jesus went into the house, taking with Him His disciples, Peter, James and John, and the little girl's father and mother.

All the rest of the people He put out of the house where the dead child lay. Then He took her by the hand, and immediately her life came back to her, and she rose up as if she had been but asleep.

Now, as Jesus was leaving the ruler's house, two blind men followed, crying after Him, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us." Jesus said, "Do you believe that I am able to make you well ?" They answered, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes,

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

and immediately they could see. And Jesus said, "Tell no man what I have done to you."

Another poor man was brought to Jesus,—one who could not speak, because an evil spirit had entered into him. And when Jesus had cast out the spirit, the man spoke. And all the people wondered; but the wicked Pharisees said that Jesus was able to cast out the evil spirits only because Satan helped Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came begging Jesus to cure his little daughter? 2. Who touched His garment, on the way to the ruler's house? 3. What happened to her? 4. What did Jesus say when He saw the mourners at the ruler's house? 5. What did He do when He went into the room? 6. Who followed Jesus as He left the ruler's house? 7. What did they cry? 8. What did Jesus ask them? 9. What was their answer? 10. What did He then do for them? 11. Who next was brought to Jesus? 12. How did the multitude feel when this man too was cured? 13. By whose help did the Pharisees say Jesus was able to cast out evil spirits? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm afraid it's the only thing for it, Hal, old boy", his father tried to say cheerily. "But how do you know it would get better any way, father?" "I'm taking the doctor's word for it, Hal. He says he's 'sure', not he 'hopes', that an operation will cure the trouble; and because we know that he knows his business, we must just trust him, don't you think so?" "Y-yes." Harold said, shakily. A month after the doctor looked admiringly at Harold's straight leg. "It was pluck that did that." Harold laughed. "I'd call it faith", he said.

Lesson Hymn

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For Him no depths can drown.

The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;

We touch Him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again. Amen.

—Hymn 40, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." 82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, OUR NEWEST MISSION ABROAD—MACAO.)—1. Where is the Mission situated? It is in Kwong Tung (Canton), the most southerly province of China. Macao was at first the headquarters of the Mission, but as that was found unsuitable, Kongmoon, a port on the West River, 30 miles from the coast, was occupied instead.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the beautiful name of Jesus in letters



such as are used in books for the blind. They are raised up, and very simple, for the blind read with their finger tips.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD TRUST JESUS

Lesson II.

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE

April 10, 1910

Matthew 10 : 1-15. Study Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 : 15, 40-42—Memory Verses, ch. 9: 37, 38.

Golden Text—Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matthew 10 : 8.

1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these ; the first, Si'mon, who is called Pe'ter, and An'drew his brother ; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother ;

3 Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew ; Thom'as, and Matth'ew the publican ; James the son of Alphæ'us, and Lebba'us, whose surname was Thaddæ'us :

4 Si'mon the Ca'naanite, and Ju'das Iscar'iot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Je'sus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gen'tiles, and into *any* city of the Samar'itans enter ye not :

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Is'rael.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils : freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves : for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy ; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it : but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om and Gomor'ra in the day of judgment, than for that city.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus called His twelve apostles to Him, that He might send them throughout all the land to preach the gospel and to heal diseases. Now the names of the twelve apostles were, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and John the sons of Zebedee, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James the son of Alphæus and Lebbaeus, and Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot, who afterwards betrayed Him. These six pairs the Master sent forth as the first missionaries to do His work, and before they went He told them what they were to do.

"On this journey", He said, "you are not to go to the Gentiles, or the Samaritans but you are to go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel ; and as you go, warn them

that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that Christ has come to save all who believe in Him. You shall be able to heal the sick, and make the lepers well, and raise the dead. Give freely of all that has been so freely given to you."

"But do not expect every one to treat you kindly for doing these things ; they will treat you as they have treated Me. They will take you as prisoners before their courts, and will scourge you, because you preach to them about Me. Yet, do not fear them. They are able to kill only your bodies."

Jesus also told the apostles not to take any money or food with them for their journey ; for all that they should need would be given them, because they were working for Him.

When they entered a city or town, they were to enquire for some good people, and when they had found these, they were to remain with them while they were in that place. If they were kindly received, a blessing would fall upon the house, but if they were not welcomed, or if their teachings were scorned, God would one day punish those wicked people and their city.

For such people would indeed deserve greater punishment even than the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, for these wicked cities had not received the teachings and the warnings which the Jews were now receiving from Jesus and His disciples.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus send out His twelve apostles to do? 2. What were the names of the apostles? 3. In what pairs were they sent? 4. To what people were they to go? 5. Of what were they to give warning? 6. What miracles would they be given power to do? 7. Why were they to give freely of all that they had? 8. What did they not need to take with them on their journey? 9. Why? 10. For whom were they to look when they first entered a town? 11. What were they to do when they found these? 12. What would happen if they were kindly received? 13. What would be done to the people who refused to welcome or listen to them? 14. Why did Jesus say these people would deserve greater punishment than those of Sodom and Gomorrah? 15. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Aunt Kate was telling Vera the story of the little Buddha idol. "Well, I'm glad", said Vera, "that I don't have to worship such an ugly thing." "And yet, I know some people in this very city who have idols of their own", said Aunt Kate. "Why, auntie!" "Yes, indeed", said Aunt Kate, seriously, "if you are so fond of your dolls

and books and play that you never have time to do any work for Jesus, if you spend all the money God has given you altogether on yourself without using any of it in being kind to others, then don't you see you are making idols of all these things?" "I didn't before", said Vera, "but I do now."

Lesson Hymn

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying—
 'Who will go and work to-day?
 Fields are white and harvest waiting;
 Who will bear the sheaves away?'
 Loud and long the Master calleth,
 Rich reward He offers free;
 Who will answer, gladly saying,
 'Here am I; send me, send me!' Amen.
 —Hymn 447, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORK FOR JESUS

The Catechism

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—52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment? A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

The Question on Missions

2. What is the character of the people? The Cantonese are a well developed race, both mentally and physically. The working classes show great industry and skill. The Chinese take high rank as students, and in business are shrewd and successful. They are not naturally religious, but become faithful Christians.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Find out the names of the twelve apostles, and print here the first letter of each name,

Lesson III. THE QUESTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST April 17, 1910

Matthew 11 : 1-11. Study Matthew 11 : 1-19.—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

Golden Text—The works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.—John 5 : 36.



1 And it came to pass, when Je'sus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another ?

4 Je'sus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see :

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

7 And as they departed, Je'sus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see ? A reed shaken with the wind ?

8 But what went ye out for to see ? A man clothed in soft raiment ? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see ? A

prophet ? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist : notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had sent His twelve disciples out to preach and to cure diseases, He, too, went journeying alone from city to city, teaching and healing all manner of sickness and disease. John the Baptist, who had been shut up in a dark dungeon, by the wicked King Herod, heard of these miracles of Jesus, and he sent two of the few faithful followers he had left, to ask Him if He were really the Messiah, that is, the Saviour, or was that great One still to come.

Jesus said to these disciples of John, "Go and tell John about all the things you have seen and heard of Me, and he can then decide for himself whether or not I am the One sent of God. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

When the messengers had gone, Jesus turned to the people round Him and began

the praise of John the Baptist. "It was no weak and wavering man", He said, "bending this way and that, like the tall Jordan reeds, that you went out into the wilderness to see, no man dressed in soft, silken raiment like the great men of Herod's court. John is a prophet, and the last and greatest of the prophets,—the one like Elijah, who was sent as a messenger to prepare the way before Me, the Messiah. And I tell you", said Jesus, "that none of the Old Testament prophets was greater than John the Baptist." But the very least of those who belong to My kingdom is greater than John or any of the prophets." Jesus meant that all those who knew Himself as their Saviour and King were better off than those who only looked forward to His coming.

The crowd of the common people heard this gladly, for many of them had been baptized by John, but the Pharisees were very angry.

Then Jesus said sadly, "The men of this generation are no more to be depended on than children playing in the market place. John came, paying attention to all the customs of the Jews, such as fasting, that is, denying himself food and drink, and they said he was too strict and would have nothing to do with him. I came and did not fast, and they say I am a glutton and a friend of publicans and sinners." But those whom the Spirit of God had made truly wise, would understand that Jesus and John alike were doing and teaching the will of God each in the way that God had commanded.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus do after He had sent out His twelve apostles? 2. What did John the Baptist send to ask Jesus? 3. Where was John shut up? 4. What answer did Jesus send back to him? 5. How did Jesus speak of John, when the messengers had gone? 6. What did He say John was not like? 7. Whom did he not copy in dress? 8. What prophet did Jesus say that John was like? 9. Who did Jesus say were greater than John? 10. Why? 11. In what way had John not pleased the Jews? 12. In what way had Jesus not pleased them? 13. Who would understand that both were doing and teaching God's will? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once upon a time a little taper which was used to light the great lantern in the lighthouse grumbled and growled. "Oh dear!" it said, "how I wish I could do something useful in this world. If I were only as useful as the great bright lantern that throws its light away out to sea and guides the ships into port, I would be happy. But the great lantern blinked down on the little taper. "Why, why, little taper, you are every bit as useful as I am. Who is it, pray, that carries the light from the keeper's stove to my wicks? Who but you? I certainly could not do without your help."

Lesson Hymn

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
And not forgetful be

Of all his gracious benefits

He hath bestowed on thee. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 76, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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—53. Which is the third commandment? A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

The Question on Missions

3. What class of Chinese come to Canada? The majority are from the province of Kwong Tung, and belong to the coolie or laboring class. There are few women and children among them, because of the expense of bringing them, and the peculiar way in which the family is regarded by the Chinese.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How easily slender reeds, like those in the drawing, are shaken by the wind. But Jesus



wants us to stand firm and strong, like brave John the Baptist, against every temptation. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS IS THE BEST COMFORTER

Matthew 11 : 20-30—Memory Verses, 28-30.

Golden Text—Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew 11 : 28.



27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father ; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father ; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.

28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Most of Jesus' strange and wonderful miracles had been done, and most of His beautiful sermons had been preached in, and round about, the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, the district in which He had made His home. And yet few of the people who lived here, had repented of their sins and become His true disciples and followers.

For this Jesus one day sadly rebuked them. "Woe unto thee, Chorazin ! woe unto thee, Bethsaida !" He said, "for if I had done in the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon the mighty works which I have done in thee, they would have long ago repented in sackcloth and ashes. And I tell you truly that at the last day God will deal less severely with the heathen people of Tyre and Sidon, than with you, who have rejected His Son.

"And you, oh city of Capernaum, whom I have exalted by dwelling and working in you,

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not :

21 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin ! woe unto thee, Bethsa'ida ! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Si'don, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Caper'naum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell : for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sod'om, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that time Je'sus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father : for so it seemed good in thy sight.

shalt be thrust down into darkness ; for if I had done in Sodom the mighty works which I have done in you, its people would have repented and it would have remained to this day ; and I say unto you that Sodom will not be as severely punished as you will be."

Yet there were a few simple, loving people in those cities who believed and trusted in Jesus as their Saviour and the Messiah, and for these He gave thanks to God in a short prayer. "I thank Thee, O Father", He said, "Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid the things of Thy kingdom from those who are thought and who think themselves so wise, and hast revealed them unto these trustful, childlike souls."

Then Jesus turned once more to the people, and told them that, as His power had been given Him from God, and He was God's messenger to them, so He could make them

to know God as their heavenly Father. And He concluded His talk to them with these beautiful words, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Jesus meant that He would show His followers how the hard things in life might be made easier by bearing them in His own patient, loving spirit.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where had most of Jesus' work been done? 2. What had the people who lived here not done? 3. In what words did Jesus rebuke them? 4. How would the heathen people of Tyre and Sidon have received Him? 5. Whom would God treat more severely than these people? 6. What city had Jesus exalted by living in it? 7. What would happen to this city? 8. What would the people of Sodom have done if they had seen Jesus' mighty works? 9. For whom did Jesus give thanks to God? 10. From whom had Jesus received His power? 11. By what name could He make people know God? 12. With what beautiful words did He conclude His talk? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Tisn't fair!" said Tommy hotly, throwing down his school bag. "Every one of us kept in 'cept that stupid, big Peter Bryan. The teacher always lets him off scot free, though he's twice as big as the rest of us." "Tommy", said his mother, "suppose father and mother hadn't known how to either read or write, and suppose we lived

away out on the prairie where there was no school to send our little boy to, how do you think he would have learned the things that other boys and girls know?" Tommy's eyes opened—"And is that how Peter—" "Yes, that's how Peter is so far behind those who are younger than he is, and the teacher knows he is trying his very best and so makes allowances for him; but he expects a little more of the boys and girls who have been taught these things for so many years—don't you see that?" "Yes", said Tommy, soberly, "I do."

Lesson Hymn

'Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.'
O blessèd voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed! Amen.
—Hymn 142, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS GIVES ME PEACE

The Catechism

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

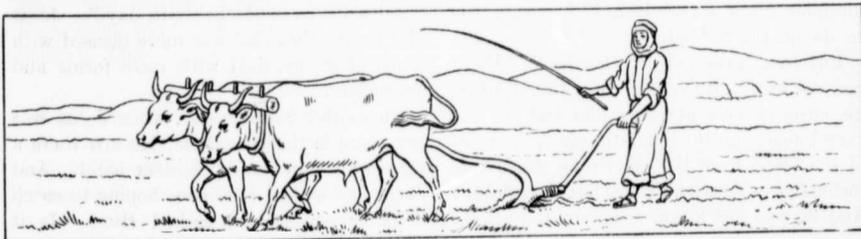
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 51-53.

The Question on Missions

4. What is the effect on the Chinese of residence in a foreign land? Those who go abroad often prosper, and are able to assist those at home. They generally adopt foreign clothes and manners, and learn the language of the country where they live. Many also become instructed in the truths of Christianity.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The yoke helps oxen to draw heavy loads. And Jesus will help us to do everything He gives us to do. Color the drawing.



TWO SABBATH INCIDENTS

May 1, 1910

Matthew 12 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.—Matthew 12 : 7.

1 At that time Je'sus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Phar'isees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what Da'vid did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple?

7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Phar'isees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One Sabbath, as Jesus and His disciples were walking through the grain fields, the disciples, who were very hungry, plucked some ears of grain and ate them. Now, amongst the Jews, any one passing through a field of grain, might eat enough to satisfy his hunger. But some Pharisees who thought it was wrong to pluck the grain on the Sabbath, said angrily to Jesus, "Do you see your disciples doing that which it is wrong for to do on the Sabbath day?"

But Jesus answered the Pharisees. "Have you not read", He asked, "how David, when his enemies were pursuing him and he was very hungry, on the Sabbath day took some of the bread from the tabernacle which was forbidden to be eaten by any but the priests? And do you not know, too, how the priests

in the temple are allowed to do the necessary work of the temple on the Sabbath?" Jesus said that it was right also for His disciples to pluck the grain on the Sabbath, for they were using it for food to make them strong to serve Him, and this was more important even than the work of the priests, because Jesus was greater than the temple. "For the Son of Man", Jesus went on to say, "is Lord even of the Sabbath day." Jesus also taught that God was more pleased with deeds of mercy, than with mere forms and ceremonies.

On another Sabbath day, when Jesus was preaching in the synagogue, He saw there a man with a withered, useless hand. And again the wicked Pharisees, hoping to catch Jesus in wrong-doing, asked Him, "Is it

lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" At once Jesus answered, "If one of you had a sheep which fell into a pit on the Sabbath, would you not immediately pull it out? And if it be right to help a sheep, how much more is it right to help a man. Therefore, I say it is right to do good on the Sabbath day."

Then Jesus turning to the man, said, "Stretch forth thine hand." The man obeyed, and the helpless arm was made as well as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and plotted some way to destroy Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the disciples do that displeased the Pharisees? 2. How did Jesus answer their faultfinding? 3. What special work were the priests allowed to do on the Sabbath? 4. Why was it right for the disciples to pluck grain on the Sabbath? 5. What would please God more than forms and ceremonies? 6. Whom did Jesus find in a synagogue on another Sabbath? 7. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus? 8. What answer did He give? 9. What miracle did He perform? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Oh mother", cried Margy, running in one day after Sunday School, "I saw Jimmy Blain wheeling a barrowful of wood down in Ray's Lane this afternoon—on Sunday mother—and he never came to Sunday School either."

"I think", said mother gently, "that Jimmy was doing a deed of mercy, which was just as important as going to Sunday School. I heard this morning about a poor family down there that hadn't had any fire or food for two days, and when I took them down a basket this afternoon, I found Jimmy building a fire with the wood he'd carted over from home, as well as a basket of eatables." Margy looked very much ashamed. "You see", said mother, "that there are sometimes other ways of doing God's will on the Sabbath than by going to church."

Lesson Hymn

Lord, this day Thy children meet
In Thy courts with willing feet:
Unto Thee this day they raise
Grateful hearts in hymns of praise. Amen.
—Hymn 574, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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—54. What is required in the third commandment? A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment? A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God makes himself known.

The Question on Missions.

5. What influence do returning Chinese exert at home? Chinese who return from abroad, generally build better and more home-like houses, and introduce many useful foreign ways and things. They often maintain modern schools, and help to remove suspicion and dislike of foreigners. Some also inculcate the truths of the Christian religion.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you color the words of this lovely verse, say them from your heart. Jesus is always

JESUS, WE LOVE TO MEET
ON THIS THY HOLY DAY.
WE WORSHIP ROUND THY SEAT
ON THIS THY HOLY DAY.
THOU TENDER, HEAVENLY
FRIEND,
TO THEE OUR PRAYERS ASCEND;
O'ER OUR YOUNG SPIRITS BEND
ON THIS THY HOLY DAY

pleased when He hears words like these from the little ones.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT THE SABBATH IS KEPT BY
KIND DEEDS

Lesson VI.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

May 8, 1910

Proverbs 23 : 29-35—Memory Verse, 31.

Golden Text—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—
Proverbs 23 : 32.



THE LESSON RETOLD

In Eastern lands there are many dangerous serpents, of which the people are much afraid, because their bite is poisonous and deadly. They dart out from hidden and unexpected places, and attack people who have no thought of danger lurking anywhere near. So king Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, in his book of wise sayings or proverbs, when he wanted to warn people against the sin and danger of drunkenness, compared wine and other strong drinks to these poisonous reptiles.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red", he said, "for although it looks so rich and red and sparkling in the glass, at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Solomon meant that the constant drinking of wine, although it at first seemed harmless, might, before one was aware of it, bring him to destruction and death. The only way to be quite safe was not even to look upon the wine which did so much harm.

Solomon also gave in his book of Proverbs a terrible description of a drunkard returning to his home after a night spent in feasting

29 Who hath woe ? who hath sorrow ? who hath contentions ? who hath babbling ? who hath wounds without cause ? who hath redness of eyes ?

30 They that tarry long at the wine ; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and I was not sick ; they have beaten me, and I felt it not : when shall I awake ? I will seek it yet again.*

and drinking with evil companions. He tells how the poison in the strong drink had taken away all the man's senses, until he did not know what he was doing. He had been knocked and buffeted about, because he was not able to protect himself, until he was covered with wounds and bruises ; his eyes were swollen and red and altogether he felt very sick and unhappy. But in spite of all this, he would not be warned against his evil ways ; his love for wine had become such a habit that he could not stop and so he went on drinking and caring for it more and more. Another sad thing about drunkenness, is, that it brings other sins with it. It takes away one's love of what is good and right and his love of truth, until nobody will believe in him nor respect him. Strong drink robs him of his good name.

It was just as dangerous and senseless, Solomon said, for a man to use the drink which brings him into such a condition, as it would be for him to try to lie down on the crest of a wave, or on top of a high ship's mast ; for, in the end, drink is certain to cause ruin and destruction, not only to the body but to the mind and soul as well.

Drunkenness is as much an evil to-day as it was in Solomon's time, and we are sure of being safe only when we have nothing to do with the drink which causes such woes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Of what are people in the East much afraid?
2. Against what sin did King Solomon warn people?
3. To what did he compare wine and other strong drinks?
4. What kind of feelings does wine give at first?
5. To what does it afterwards lead?
6. What does Solomon say about the drunkard's appearance?
7. What does drunkenness bring along with it?
8. What does strong drink take away from those who use it?
9. To what two foolish actions did Solomon compare the drunkard's conduct?
10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

This was Johnny's first day in the railroad yards, and the men were all very kind to him. "Have a drink, kid?" said one man, handing him a bottle, as they sat round at lunch time. All the blood in Johnny's body seemed to rush into his face. "It's—it's—" "Just a little weak whiskey", said the man, "it won't hurt you." "No thank you", said Johnny, firmly. "I saw a drunken man on the street the other day, and he was making such a fool of himself that all the boys in the place were laughing at him and teasing him. It—it—looked awful. You see he just couldn't help himself any way. So I made up my mind then I'd never begin doing anything that might perhaps take away my brains too some day." "You're right there, kid", said some of the men, "we'd all be wiser and better without the drink."

Lesson Hymn

Do no sinful action,
Speak no angry word,

Ye belong to Jesus,
Children of the Lord.

Christ is your own Master,
He is good and true,
And His little children
Must be holy too. Amen.
—Hymn 529, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned To-day That
STRONG DRINK IS FULL OF HARM**

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment? The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's." **91. What is it to covet?** To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

SHORTER CATECHISM—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment? A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

The Question on Missions

6. Do many of the people live in villages? In rural districts all the people live in villages, partly from social instincts, and partly as a defence against robbers. The majority of the men and women work in the fields, which are often at some distance.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words from the Lesson, and make up your mind never to use strong drink.

LOOK NOT UPON THE WINE

Matthew 12 : 22-32, 38-42—Memory Verse, 41.

Golden Text—He that is not with me is against me ; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.—Matthew 12 : 30.



22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb : and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of Da'vid ?

24 But when the Phar'isees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beel'zebub the prince of the devils.

25 And Je'sus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation ; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand :

26 And if Sa'tan cast out Sa'tan, he is divided against himself ; how shall then his kingdom stand ?

27 And if I by Beel'zebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out ? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man ? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me ; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men : but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him : but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Phar'isees

answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign ; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jo'nas :

40 For as Jo'nas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly ; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nin'eveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it : because they repented at the preaching of Jo'nas ; and, behold, a greater than Jo'nas is here.

42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it : for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Sol'omon ; and, behold, a greater than Sol'omon is here.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, when Jesus was in Capernaum, He healed and made quite well a poor man who had been made blind and dumb by an evil spirit. The people who saw this, wondered greatly and said, "This Man who does such wonderful things, must be the Messiah, after all."

But the Pharisees, who did not want to see Jesus' power growing, said, "If He casts out evil spirits, it must be Satan who helps Him to do it."

But Jesus knew what they were saying, and said to the people, "Do not listen to these men ; you know yourselves that no king will fight against his own subjects, so how will Satan help Me to drive out his own evil spirits ?"

"And if", said Jesus, turning to the Pharisees, "you say that I cast out devils by the power of Satan, by whose power do

you say your sons, who pretend to do such things, cast them out ? But because I do these things by the power of God, I prove Myself to be sent from Him, and where the Messiah is, there is God's kingdom."

"Ask yourselves, then, how I can cast out the evil spirits from these poor, sick people, without first having overcome Satan Himself. A strong man's house can only be robbed after he himself has been bound."

"So then, you who are My enemies, are enemies, too, of God and His holy kingdom. And let Me tell you that all kinds of sin may be forgiven men but the one of rejecting and putting contempt upon God's Holy Spirit. You may speak against Me and be forgiven, but who dares to speak against the Holy Spirit, who shows Himself through these works of Mine, will never be forgiven either in this world or the next."

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said, "Show us, then, a sign from heaven that you are the Messiah."

"An evil, wicked people", said Jesus, sadly, "wants even a greater sign than I have given them that I am the Messiah; but no further sign shall be given them than the sign of the prophet Jonah; for as he was for three days and three nights in the body of the whale, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. My preaching is a warning to you to turn from your evil ways, as Jonah's was to the people of the heathen city of Nineveh. And at the judgment day", said Jesus, solemnly, "the men of that city will rise to witness against those who listen to Me, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, while you are scorning My teachings."

And the Queen of Sheba, who came to hear the wisdom of Solomon would also condemn these people, for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to learn of Solomon, and behold they would not listen to the Son of God Himself, who was greater than Solomon, and who even then stood amongst them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Jesus heal in Capernaum?
2. What did the people then say?
3. By whose power did the Pharisees say Jesus had done this?
4. What did Jesus say no earthly king would do?
5. What, then, would Satan not do?
6. What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees about their sons?
7. What did Jesus' miracles prove Him to be?
8. Of whom were the Pharisees enemies as well as Jesus?
9. What was the one sin which would not be forgiven men?
10. What did the Pharisees next ask for?
11. What only other sign besides Jesus' miracles would be given them?
12. With whose preaching did Jesus compare His own?
13. Who would witness the last day against the people who rejected Jesus?
14. Why?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?
 Who will serve the King?
 Who will be His helpers
 Other lives to bring? Amen.
 —Hymn 252, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. 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—57. Which is the fourth commandment?
 A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

The Question on Missions

7. Are there any waterways in South China? The part of the province where our Mission is situated is in the delta of the West River, and is a maze of waterways. These afford great facilities for the people for travel and commerce, and also for the missionary in his work.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Queen of Sheba came a long way to learn from the wise King Solomon. *Color*



the picture of this queen, and remember that we have Jesus to teach us, who is wiser than Solomon.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE ON JESUS' SIDE

Matthew 14 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 10-12.

Golden Text—He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty ; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16 : 32.



1 At that time Her'od the tetrarch heard of the fame of Je'sus,

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Bap'tist ; he is risen from the dead ; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

3 For Her'od had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Hero'dias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Her'od's birthday was kept, the daughter of Hero'dias danced before them, and pleased Her'od.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Bap'tist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry : nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel : and she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Je'sus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As the fame of Jesus and His miracles began to spread through the land, Herod the king at last heard of Him, and was very much afraid. He thought such power could only belong to John the Baptist, the great prophet whom he had put to death ; his guilty conscience troubled him, and he thought John had returned from the dead to punish him.

Once Herod had been a friend to John, but when the prophet had sternly reproved him for his terrible sin in marrying his brother Philip's wife, Herodias, while his brother was still alive, he cast John into prison. Herodias, who was even more angry than Herod, tried, by every means in her power, to persuade the king to put John to death, but Herod feared to do any further harm to the holy prophet and for some time refused.

Now it happened that one day Herod gave a great birthday feast to all the chief men of

his kingdom, and as they sat eating and drinking, the daughter of Herodias came in and danced before them. The king and his guests were delighted at this unexpected entertainment, and Herod, to show how pleased he was, swore a great oath that he would give her anything she asked for.

As the young girl did not wish to decide such an important question for herself, she went out to ask her mother's advice ; and Herodias, who had been waiting for just such an opportunity as this, told her to ask not for riches or honor, but for the head of John the Baptist to be brought to her on a platter.

The king was sorry and dismayed at the result of his thoughtless promise, for he did not wish to put John to death. But he was still more afraid of the bad opinion of the men who had heard his oath ; so because of them he commanded the cruel deed to be done. And he sent his soldiers to the prison

who put John the Baptist to death. His head was brought on a platter to the daughter of the queen, and she carried it to her mother.

When John's followers heard of this, they sorrowfully came, and taking up his dead body, they laid it in a tomb, and went and told Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What king heard about Jesus? 2. Who did he think Jesus was? 3. Why did this make him afraid? 4. What great sin had Herod committed? 5. What had John said to him? 6. What did Herodias wish to have done to John? 7. Why was Herod unwilling to do this? 8. On what day did Herod give a great feast? 9. What unexpected entertainment was there at the feast? 10. What did Herod promise to give the girl? 11. Whose advice did she ask? 12. What did her mother tell her to ask of Herod? 13. Why did Herod do what the girl asked? 14. What did he send soldiers to do? 15. Who came and buried John's body? 16. To whom did they go and tell their loss? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Betty's new gingham dress was torn, her hands were scratched and bleeding and a big, black lump on her forehead was bringing tears of pain to her eyes. Mother first bathed and bound up the burning, smarting spots, and then came the question, of course, "How did it all happen, dear?"

Betty blushed hotly. "Well, you see, Bob Bertram said no girl could jump from their haymow to the ground the way all the boys were doing. And—and—I didn't know it was so high and I said I could—and,—"
 "But couldn't you have refused to jump when you did find out how high it was?" asked mother. "But I'd promised", objected Betty, gravely. "But", said mother, "it is wrong in the first place to make reckless promises, and it is still more wrong to carry them out when you know the thing is harmful." And Betty, with her smarting hands and head, saw that mother was right.

Lesson Hymn

When deep within our swelling hearts
 The thoughts of pride and anger rise,

When bitter words are on our tongues,
 And tears of passion in our eyes.

Then we may stay the angry blow,
 Then we may check the hasty word,
 Give gentle answers back again—

And fight a battle for our Lord. Amen.
 —Hymn 527, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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.

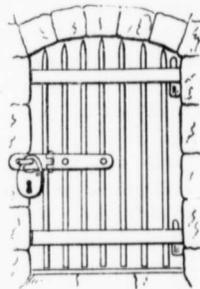
SHORTER CATECHISM—58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set time as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

The Question on Missions

8. What kind of schools has China? Until a few years ago, education consisted in the ability to recite the Chinese classics and write essays based on them. Now modern schools have been established throughout the empire. In these, English and military drill are generally taught, as well as modern science.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Not even a prison gate like the one in the drawing could keep the love and help of Jesus



from coming to us. In every time of trouble we can pray to Him, and He is sure to hear us and do us the good we need. *Copy the drawing.*

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD SHUN ANGER

Lesson IX.

THE MULTITUDES FED

May 29, 1910

Matthew 15 : 29-39. Study Matthew 14 : 13-21 ; 15 : 29-39—Memory Verses, ch. 14 : 19, 20.

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

29 And Je'sus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Gal'ilee ; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that were* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Je'sus' feet ; and he healed them :

31 Inasmuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see : and they glorified the God of Is'rael.

32 Then Je'sus called his disciples *unto him*, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat : and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude ?

34 And Je'sus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye ? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to

sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled : and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Mag'dala.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once, when Jesus and His disciples were in a lonely place, near the Sea of Galilee, a great multitude came to them, and Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes, and when they had all eaten a full meal, the disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of broken food.

At another time Jesus was traveling with His disciples, and again came near the shore of the Sea or Lake of Galilee. There crowds of people thronged about Him, bringing their sick friends to Jesus, and neither He nor His disciples could get any rest for days. So one day Jesus proposed that they should all go up into a lonely place on the mountain to rest awhile.

But those who had blind and dumb and maimed friends waiting to be healed, found out where they were going and brought these poor suffering people to Jesus. And although

the Master was very weary, His pitiful heart could not turn them away, so all day long and the next and the next, Jesus healed and taught them.

The multitude, seeing these wonderful miracles—the dumb made to speak, the lame to walk, the blind to see, and the crippled to be made whole—praised and glorified the God of Israel. At last Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "The multitude have been with us for three days with nothing to eat. I cannot send them away fasting, lest they faint by the way." "But", said the disciples, "where can we get enough bread in this wilderness to feed such a multitude?" "How many loaves have you?" asked Jesus. "Only five", they said, "and a few little fishes." "Bring them to Me", said Jesus ; and He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass. So they sat down in rows—

a great company of four thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus took the bread and the fishes, and when He had asked God's blessing upon the food, He handed it to His disciples, and they passed it round to the people.

Although there was so little food at the beginning and so many people, yet every one had more than enough, for when they finished and the disciples gathered up the fragments that were left, they found that there were seven baskets full, much more than there had been at the first. All the people who had seen the miracle, were astonished, and said that this must indeed be the long expected Messiah. Then Jesus sent away the multitude, and entering into a ship with His disciples, crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why could Jesus and His disciples get no rest for days?
2. Whither did Jesus propose one day that they should go?
3. Who followed them there?
4. How many days did they remain?
5. What did Jesus do for them?
6. What did the multitudes do when they saw these miracles?
7. What did Jesus at last say to His disciples?
8. What did the disciples say then?
9. How much food had they?
10. What did Jesus command them to do?
11. What did Jesus do first before He distributed the bread and fishes?
12. How many people were there?
13. How many baskets of fragments did they pick up afterwards?
14. What did this show?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Peter lived in the country. When he was five years old, a boy on a railway train threw a peach to him. He ate it, and laughed with delight. "Don't throw away the stone", said father, "we'll plant it."

That first season he watched the green shoot break through and send out a few leaves. The next season it was tall enough for Peter to jump over it; the third it was so tall he couldn't. When Peter was ten years old there were seven peaches on his tree, one for each member of the family, and not one of them had ever tasted anything so good before. He planted all the stones.

To-day Peter is a big boy. He has eight well grown peach trees, which carry health and delight to all the neighborhood. And he has a young orchard coming on, which will some day bring more money than all his father's crop.

Lesson Hymn

Poor and needy though I be,
 God Almighty cares for me;
 Gives me clothing, shelter, food,
 Gives me all I have of good. Amen.

—Hymn 513, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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.

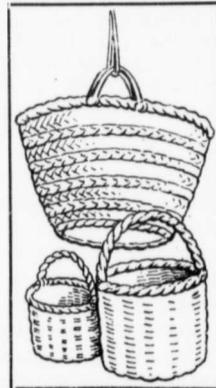
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 54-58.

The Question on Missions

9. Has the Mission any schools? There are at present four Primary Schools superintended by the lady missionaries. They are taught by Chinese women, who have been trained in Mission Schools. We hope soon to have in addition Boarding Schools for boys and girls.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The drawing (*color*) shows us some baskets like those in which the disciples gathered up the



fragments after Jesus had fed the five thousand. Jesus gives us our food, day by day, as really as He fed that great crowd long ago.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT JESUS GIVES ME MY FOOD

Matthew 14 : 22-36—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matthew 14 : 33.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous,

he was afraid ; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

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

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

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

34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennes'aret.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased ;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment : and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people, after seeing the wonderful miracle of feeding the great multitude with five loaves and two small fishes, wished to crown Jesus at once as their King ; but Jesus escaped from them and went up into a mountain alone to pray, while the disciples entered into one of their fishing boats to cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

In the evening a tempest arose, and the little boat was tossed here and there at the mercy of the waves. As the weary disciples toiled at the oars, they looked out over the dark waters, and beheld their Master walking towards them on the sea. They cried out in fear, thinking that they saw a spirit ; but Jesus called to them, "Do not

be afraid ; it is I." And Peter said from the boat, "Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come to Thee." And Jesus said, "Come."

So Peter, with his eyes fixed on Jesus, stepped from the boat and started to walk towards Him. But when he heard the noise of the wind and saw the great waves dashing round him, he was filled with fear, and immediately losing his trust in Jesus, he began to sink and cried out, "Lord, save me !" And Jesus stretched out His hand and caught Peter, and rebuked him gently. "O thou of little faith", He said, "why did you doubt My power ?" Then they entered the boat, and immediately the wind ceased and they very quickly reached the shore.

They went into the land of Gennesaret, and when the people heard of their coming, they sent through all the country and had brought to Jesus all those who were sick and diseased, that He might heal them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people want to do after the feeding of the five thousand?
2. Whither did Jesus go to escape from them?
3. Whither did His disciples go?
4. What made their trip dangerous?
5. What strange sight did they see in the middle of the night?
6. What did Jesus call to them?
7. What did Peter ask Jesus?
8. Could Peter walk on the water?
9. What made him sink?
10. In what words did Jesus rebuke him?
11. What happened when they entered the boat?
12. To what country did they next go?
13. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A little boy was once crossing the ocean on his father's ship. He loved to play about the rigging, scrambling into all sorts of dangerous places; and one day he planned to climb up to the great bar which ran across the highest mast of all. Up he started bravely, but when he was near the top he looked down. His head grew dizzy and his hands numb. The deck seemed so far away, and he would have fallen had he not heard his father crying, "Look up, Bob! Look up!" So, although the boy was tempted to glance down again, he obeyed his father's voice and so did not see any longer the heaving, dizzying waves and the far-off deck. So he was able to cling tighter to his perilous

position, until his father helped him down.

Lesson Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
 Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 For we have no help but Thee;
 Yet possessing every blessing,
 If our God our Father be. Amen.
 —Hymn 316, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned Today
 THAT JESUS RULES THE SEA**

The Catechism

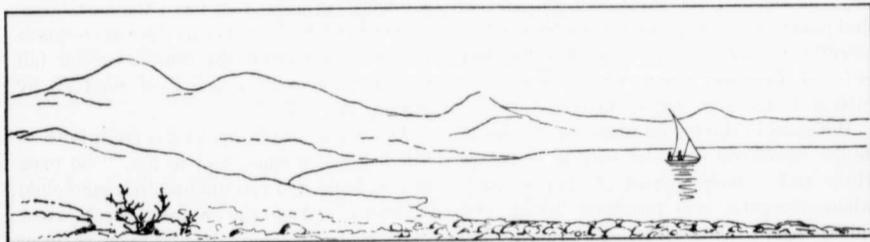
PRIMARY CATECHISM—96. May we pray to Jesus Christ? Yes, because Jesus Christ is God. **97. May we pray to the Holy Spirit?** Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath? A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

The Question on Missions

10. Is any medical work being done? There are two medical missionaries—Dr. John McDonald and Dr. Jessie MacBean. There is no hospital yet, but dispensaries for men and women are open several hours a day, where large numbers are treated, and where those who wait their turn, can hear the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



The Lesson tells of Jesus' being up in a mountain, while His disciples were in a ship on the sea. But when a storm arose, Jesus instantly came to help them. He will come to help us, too, in every time of need. Color the drawing.

THE CANAANITISH WOMAN

June 12, 1910

Matthew 15 : 21-28—Memory Verses, 21, 22.

Golden Text—Great is thy faith : be it unto thee even as thou wilt.—Matthew 15 : 28

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went on, day by day, preaching to the people and working His wonderful miracles, the scribes and Pharisees became more and more angry. They wished the people to think that they, and they only, could explain the scriptures and teach others how they ought to live.

Jesus warned the people against these false teachers, and then they hated the gentle Master more than ever and followed Him about everywhere, annoying Him as much as they could, and watching for Him to say or do something that would give them some excuse to have Him punished. So one day, to escape from these enemies, and to find peace and quiet as well, Jesus went away secretly to the country near the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon, where he entered into a house and stayed there.

But even in this far-off place the stories of Jesus' wonderful miracles had gone before Him, and a poor woman of that country whose daughter was possessed by an evil spirit, heard about Him and came to the house where the great Healer was, and begged Him to cure her sick child. At first Jesus turned away, as if unwilling to hear her

21 Then Je'sus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Si'don.

22 And, behold, a woman of Ca'naan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* son of Da'vid ; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away ; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Is'rael.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord : yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Je'sus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith : be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

because she was not a Jew ; but He did this to see whether she really believed in Him. Then she cried out still the more piteously, " Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David ! " until the disciples begged Jesus to send her away for crying so loudly after them and thus troubling them.

Then Jesus turned to the woman and told her that He had come to bless, first of all, the Jews, God's children, and she was a Gentile, one of the despised outsiders. Did she think that He should take the children's bread and give it to her ? " But the woman's need had made her bold. " True, Lord ", she said, " give the best food, the best blessings to the Jews, but even as the dogs beneath the table are given the crumbs which fall from it, so give me a crumb of comfort, by healing my child. "

And Jesus, wondering at the great faith of this heathen woman, said to her, " Go back to your home and you will find that your child is cured. " And the woman went away rejoicing to her home, to find even as Jesus had said, that her daughter was free from the evil spirit and was lying upon her bed in her right mind.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who became more and more angry at Jesus' preaching? 2. Why were these men angry? 3. Whom did Jesus warn against these false teachers? 4. What did they do then? 5. Whither did Jesus go to escape from these enemies? 6. What other reason had He for going away? 7. Why could He not get the quiet He wanted? 8. What woman heard of Him? 9. What did she ask Jesus? 10. Why did Jesus at first seem not to hear her? 11. What did she still keep crying? 12. What did Jesus then say to her? 13. Give the woman's reply. 14. For what did Jesus praise her? 15. What did He say she would find when she went home? 16. Did this prove true? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Moses and Jakey stood outside with their little black faces upturned to the brightly lighted mission hall. Moses could read a little, so he spelled out the words over the door, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." "Well, I don't know jes' what it means, but it's something free anyway, an' I'm goin' in to fin' out." "They won't let us", said Jakey, pulling him back, "only white fellers are goin' in." "Well, it says whoever wants to", persisted Moses. So he hailed a gentleman who just then opened the door. "Say, mister, will you let colored boys in there?"

"Sure!" said the gentleman, heartily, "your skin doesn't make any difference, as long as your hearts are all right." So in they went into the warm, brightly lighted room, and there they heard for the first time about the Lord who "loves colored boys just as

much as He does white ones". And they came again and again, until they, too, loved the Lord in return.

Lesson Hymn

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by. Amen.
—Hymn 168, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS LOVES TO HELP ME

The Catechism

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—60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified? A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

The Question on Missions

11. Are any native helpers employed? There are in the Mission eight Chinese preachers, who are in charge of chapels in the larger towns and villages throughout the field. There are also language, and school, teachers, colporteurs and Bible women. These are all of great assistance in all the departments of mission work.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Jesus spoke the words for copying, to a poor heathen woman. He is always glad when we have faith in Him.

Great is thy faith

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

June 19, 1910

Matthew 13 : 1-9, 18-23.—Memory Verse, 23.

Golden Text—Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.—James 1 : 21.



1 The same day went Je'sus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat ; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow ;

4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up :

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth : and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth :

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched ; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns ; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them :

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower,

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it ;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while : for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word ; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the

word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it* ; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus got into a little fishing boat, and pushing off a short distance from shore, He began to preach to those who sat on the land.

This day Jesus began a new kind of preaching, and for the first time made use of parables. A parable is a story which teaches us some lesson, and these parables of Jesus were intended to make His message very plain and simple.

The first story or parable that, Jesus told the people, as He sat in the boat, was this : " There was once a farmer ", He said, " who went out to sow his seed, and he scattered it by handfuls over the ground. As he sowed, some of the seed fell upon the hard-beaten path that ran along the edge of the field, and the birds flew down and ate it. Some fell on stony places, where there was only a little earth. Here it quickly grew up, but because it had no depth of root, it withered almost immediately. And some fell along the side of the field, where thorns were growing, and

the thorns choked the good seed, so that it also bore no fruit. But the rest of the seed fell upon good ground that had been ploughed and made ready to receive it, and it grew up and flourished and yielded an abundant harvest."

But when the people had gone, the disciples came and asked their Master to explain to them the meaning of the parable. " What is meant by the seed ? " they asked. Jesus said, " The seed is the Word of God which I preach to you."

He also told them that the wayside ground represented the people who were too careless to give attention to God's message. Again, some who heard Him, remembered His words and tried for a little while to obey them, but as soon as they had trouble or were blamed by others for doing it, they ceased trying and forgot them. These were like the seed that fell on the stony ground and sprang up quickly at first, but, in a few days, withered away. Others heard Jesus preach, and were glad to

hear what He said ; but afterwards they went away and paid more attention to their houses, their riches and their pleasure, than they did to the things He taught them. They were like the seed that fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But such as heard the Word of God and obeyed it and brought forth fruit, were like the fields of good ground, which, sown with good seed, brought forth some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times as much as the farmer had planted.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a parable? 2. Where was Jesus sitting when He spoke the parable of the Lesson? 3. Where did the people sit who heard it? 4. Into what four kinds of soil did the seed fall? 5. Which only yielded fruit? 6. What question did the disciples ask Jesus about the parable? 7. What was meant by the seed? 8. What kind of hearers were like the hard foot-paths? 9. Who were compared to the stony ground? 10. Who to the thorny places? 11. What kind of hearers were like good fields? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Yes", said Uncle Davy, sitting out in the garden with Jim, "the whole world's a great garden bed, and we begin sowing seeds in it in the spring time—when we're young you know—and whatever we sow then, we'll reap when we're old."

"Please just what do you mean, Uncle?" asked Jim. "Well, for instance", said Uncle Davy, "there's a little boy I know sowing some pretty good seeds of honesty, and truthfulness, and purity, just now, and these ought to bring a pretty good crop of character when he's older; but along with these, he drops sometimes some horrid, nasty little seeds of forgetfulness and carelessness. Now, bad seeds grow so much more quickly than good ones, that I'm afraid some day there's a chance of that good crop being choked up by that horrid weed." "Oh—" said Jim—"oh!" and he looked rather startled. Then he stood up straight and stiff like a soldier. "But I'm not going to let it, so there!"

Lesson Hymn

Sow the seed beside all waters,
North and south and east and west,
That our toiling sons and daughters
In the harvest may be blest.
Tell the tidings of salvation
'Mid the storms of Labrador;
Speak the word of consolation
By the lone Pacific shore. Amen.
—Hymn 448, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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 for the whole prayer.)

101. What is this prayer commonly called? This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 59, 60.

The Question on Missions

12. What determines the opening of new preaching places? Chapels are generally opened as soon as possible in the large cities and towns. Market villages are also strategic points, as the people of the surrounding villages assemble there periodically to attend the fairs, and large numbers can thus be reached with the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Good seed was what Jesus called the words of God's holy Book. If we treasure this seed



up in our hearts, it will grow up into pure and loving words and deeds, just as garden seeds become beautiful flowers. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S WORD

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

June 26, 1910

Matthew 13 : 24-30, 36-43—Memory Verses, 37, 38.

Golden Text—Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.—Matthew 13 : 43.



and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity ;
 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire : there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people had listened eagerly to Jesus' parables about the sower. It was so simple, so easily understood, so different from the teaching of the scribes and Pharisees, that they stayed on and on, hoping that they would hear another beautiful story like the one in last Lesson.

As Jesus sat in the boat and talked to the people, He told them still another parable. "The kingdom of heaven", He said, "is like a certain farmer, who sowed good seed in his fields. But this farmer had an enemy who held a grudge against him, and one night the enemy came and, in the darkness, when no one could see him, sowed weeds called tares all over the fields that had been planted with good seed.

At last, when the time came for the wheat to grow up, the farmer's servants went out to look at the field, and what was their surprise to find great quantities of tares growing up among the wheat. Then they came hurriedly back to their master, thinking that he must

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field :

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field ? from whence then hath it tares ?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up ?

29 But he said, Nay ; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest : and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them : but gather the wheat into my barn.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house : and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man ;

38 The field is the world ; the good seed are the children of the kingdom ; but the tares are the children of the wicked one ;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil ; the harvest is the end of the world ; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire ; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels,

and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity ;

and they shall cast them into a furnace of fire : there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

have been cheated in the seed which he bought. "Was it not good seed which was sown in your fields?" they asked. "How then are these weeds growing up amongst the wheat?" The owner, knowing that the seed which had been planted was good, said to the servants who came to him, "Some enemy must have done this."

Then the servants anxious to save the crop, begged to be allowed to root out the weeds. But the farmer said, "No, for in gathering them, there would be great danger of destroying the good grain. Let both grow together until harvest time, and then I will say to the reapers, 'Gather first the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barns.'"

When Jesus and His disciples had returned from the seashore to the house where they were staying, He explained this parable also to them. The field, He said, meant the world, the owner of the field meant Jesus Himself, the good seed meant the words that

He preached, the wheat that grew up meant the persons who listened to those words and obeyed them. The enemy that sowed the bad seed meant Satan, and the tares in the field meant wicked men. As the farmer allowed the wheat and the tares to grow together until the harvest, so Jesus will allow good and bad men to live together in the world till the judgment day.

"And then", Jesus said, "as the weeds are gathered together and burned in the fire, so shall the Son of man on that day send forth His messengers to gather out of His kingdom everything that is evil, to destroy it. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him listen and try to understand."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus sit as He talked to the people? 2. What did He say the kingdom of heaven is like? 3. What kind of seed did the farmer sow? 4. When did his enemy come? 5. What kind of seed did he sow? 6. Who discovered the enemy's work? 7. Why would the farmer not allow his servants to root out the tares? 8. What did he say should be done? 9. Who was meant by the farmer in the story? 10. Who were meant by the good seed? 11. Who were meant by the tares? 12. What was meant by the harvest? 13. Who are the reapers? 14. What promise did Jesus make to the righteous? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dillydally had let a nasty little weed of a bad habit grow up in an otherwise nice little character, but Dillydally got a lesson one day. "Please Delbert", (for that was his right name), said his mother, "run over to the grocer's and get this pail full of molasses." She had just remembered it was Dillydally's birthday, and the molasses was for candy. But Dillydally found so many interesting things to look at on the way that it was a long, long time before he came back. "Oh, Delbert", said his mother, "I was going to make candy for your birthday, and now I have to go out. Isn't it too bad?" It certainly was, Dillydally thought, so now

he's trying to pull out that little bad habit whenever it crops up.

Lesson Hymn

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His Harvest-home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away:
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 486, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 81-101.

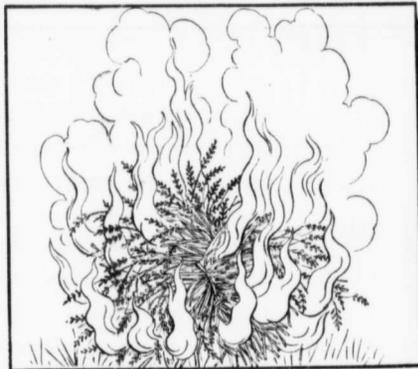
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 51-60.

The Question on Missions

Review the Questions for the Quarter.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a fire burning up weeds. That is a picture of how, at last, Jesus will destroy



everything that is evil. We should be very careful, then, to allow no evil in our lives. Rather, we should earnestly try to fill them with good, as a garden is filled with all sorts of bright and beautiful flowers. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL SEPARATE THE
GOOD FROM THE BAD

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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

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

DATE 1910	APRIL				MAY					JUNE				TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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