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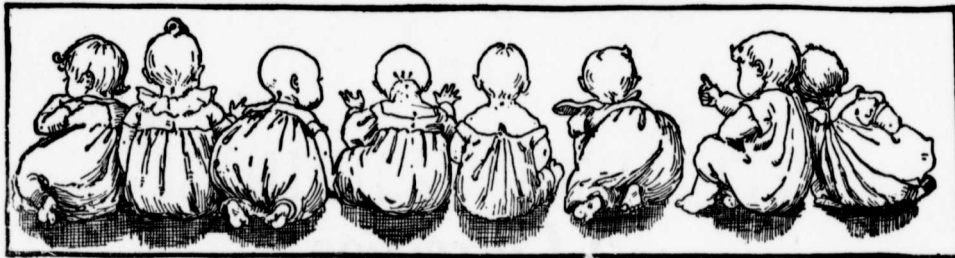
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## A Correction

Through a printer's error, not discovered in time, the

### **I Have Learned To-day's**

in this Quarter's Lessons, from Lesson III. to Lesson XII. need re-arranging ; and perhaps the little ones, with a pair of scissors and a little paste, can put them in their proper places from the following list, which is correct :

### **I Have Learned To-day**

Lesson III. THAT JESUS IS MY KING

- " IV. THAT JESUS CAN MAKE ME HOLY
- " V. THAT JESUS IS MY JUDGE
- " VI. THAT JESUS CAN GUARD ME
- " VII. JESUS WANTS ME TO DENY MYSELF
- " VIII. JESUS TEACHES ME TO BE LOVING
- " IX. THAT JESUS WILL GIVE ME THE  
HOLY SPIRIT
- " X. THAT JESUS CAN OVERCOME MY SINS
- " XI. THAT JESUS WOULD HAVE ME WOR-  
SHIP HIM
- " XII. THAT JESUS IS GOD'S GIFT TO ME

# The Primary Quarterly

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There seems always room for one more little curly head at the table without crowding the others; and so the children will find a new piece added to their lesson, without anything having been taken from it. "Something to Draw" is the title, and busy pencils will be quickly at work. We are sure, too, that the little half dozen of lines which explain the drawing and its meaning will be remembered.

Mothers and teachers of little ones need the vision of the artist who sees in the shapeless block of marble, the beautiful statue, which his genius can bring out of it. The thought of what the boys and girls may become, will bring with it encouragement and at the same time a deep sense of responsibility.

## TWO LOVERS

Whose baby is loveliest?  
Mother's own.  
All round the world—north, south, east,  
west—  
Hers alone!  
For whether it be a Chinese tot,  
With eyes aslant and a shaven crown,  
Or a dear little girl of the land of the free,  
Or a toddling prince in Londontown.  
Or the one rare treasure a Soudan slave  
Hugs to her heart, all wee and brown—  
Each, in its mother's gentle pride,  
Is fairer than all the world beside.

Whose mother is loved the best?  
Baby's own.  
She whose cheek was first caressed—  
She alone.

For whether she be an Eskimo,  
Or colored mammy, or stately queen,  
Or a wandering organ grinder's wife,  
Jingling and beating her tambourine,  
In every land where children are  
The baby eyes from their deep serene  
Gaze, rapture-bound by the tender grace  
In the mother's bended, love-lit face.  
—Woman's Home Companion

## THE LITTLE ONES AND MONEY

Here is the way one mother has taught her little girlie how to take care of money. The story is told in *The American Mother*:  
"She began to give her an allowance of ten cents a week when she was six years old, and now that she is eight, she gives her fifteen cents. With this money the child buys herself little luxuries, and small things that she needs, and makes presents, if she wishes.

"It was not long after the little allowance had begun that her mother had a birthday. The heaven of the allowance principle had not then really begun to work, and the small girl had no money, but she wished to make her mother a present. She went to her about it.

"'Mama' she said, 'I would like so much to make you a present, but I haven't any money.'

"'But you have had your money,' said the mother.

"'Yes,' answered the little girl, 'but I have spent it all. Don't you think you could loan me a little? I shall have it to pay you back, you know.'

"'No,' said the mother thoughtfully. 'I

am afraid I can't do it. You have had your money and spent it, and now you will have to get along without it.'

"The next Christmas the little girl wanted to make presents, and she had several dollars with which to do it. She is very careful now, and there is seldom an emergency which she has not cash on hand to meet.

"It is not a wealthy mother who does this, but a woman who earns her own money and knows the value of it, as she wished her little daughter to do before she is obliged to from necessity."

#### CLEAN OUTSIDE AND IN

Let me tell a little story as it came to me. Said a young mother: "I wanted to foster in my boy a love of purity, inward and outward. He would soon be old enough to enter the public school. Before he went out from me into life among the little company of village children, I wanted to feel that he was armed against the temptations that I knew would beset him.

"He had always rebelled against the necessary bathing and dressing. It was all very well so long as I let him splash the water freely and attempted no interference. But, after the twin babies came I was forced to make the matter a serious business and not a play, and the bath was a trial to him and to me as often as it came. As I had the younger ones to bathe and prepare for bed, I had lately allowed him to wash himself as perfectly as he could, only supplementing his work with a little of my own.

"I began to plan so as to give him more of my time. On bath night I allowed him to sit up half an hour later than usual, that the babies might be safely tucked away in bed before his turn came. Then, when his part of the work of purifying was done, I gave him half an hour of my undivided attention. While I 'examined the creases,' to see how faithfully he had bathed, I talked to him about the loveliness of being clean. When the white 'nighty' was on, I cuddled and kissed him in a fashion that I had allowed to fall into disuse. It went to my heart to see how ready 'mother's little man' was to enjoy again the privileges of babyhood.

"You love me just as much as you used to before the twinnies came, don't you? Will you do it this way every night, mother?" he asked, as he tried to cuddle his long legs up into my lap.

"I will if my boy will want to be clean as much as I want him to be," I said.

"I will! I won't make a fuss at my bath any more, but I'll do it all myself just as nice as I can," he promised with earnestness.

"Will you try to be clean all through, as clean inside as you are now outside?" I asked.

"How, mother?"

"God sees you all through. He looks into your heart to see if that is clean, and He loves to have you perfectly pure. Some boys are not pure. Their talk is unclean and their doings are unclean. Will my boy keep away from such and be a clean boy all through?"

"Yes, I will. I want to."

"Then, after to-day, you may put this in your prayer: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God.'"

"This lesson, in varied forms, I repeated as often as the night for the bath came round, impressing and making it palatable with mother love and caresses. When the day came that my boy must begin his school life, I let him go with the feeling that I had done my best to arm him and to lead him to put on 'the armor of God.'"—S. S. Chronicle.

#### GRANDPA'S WAY

My grandpa is the strangest man!

Of course, I love him dearly;

But really it does seem to me

He looks at things so queerly.

He always thinks that every day

Is right, no matter whether

It rains or snows, or shines or blows,

Or what the kind of weather.

When out-door fun is ruined by

A heavy shower, provoking,

He pats my head and says, "You see

The dry earth needs a soaking."

And when I think the day too warm

For any kind of pleasure,

He says, "The corn has grown an inch—  
I see without a measure."

He says, when drifts are piling high,  
And fence post scarcely peeping,  
"How warm beneath their blanket white  
The little flowers are keeping!"

Sometimes I think, when on his face  
His sweet smile shines so clearly,  
It would be nice if everyone  
Could see things just as queerly.

#### THE RULER WITHIN

"Mother, I don't have to cry when I fall down," said a little fellow whose brown eyes sparkled with the light of a new discovery; "I can make myself stop. I just say, 'Stop that!' and then I make me mind me."

It was indeed a great discovery—the power of self-mastery; for all strength of character and usefulness begin in learning that the law which really controls us must come from within.

#### LITTLE PIPPA

##### A NEW YEAR'S STORY

"Oh, Day!"

It was a merry voice that spoke those two words. A little maiden with roses on her cheeks, and smiles on her lips, had just opened her two earnest black eyes, and jumped out of bed. She ran to the window, and drew up the curtain.

It was only Pippa, the small silk-winding girl who, every hour in the day and every day in the year but just this one, worked away at the silk, winding it up, coil on coil, and having in return her bread and milk.

But when Pippa threw up the curtain the sun flung out his first golden rays, and dropped them all over the tiny silk-winder. He covered her with soft light: he let the gray mist of dawn fall on her head: he deepened the red rose on her cheek: he gave new sparkle to her big earnest eyes.

And Pippa, when she saw the crimson glow in the East, called, "Oh, day! Happy day!"

She stood at the window and saw one

wavelet after another of golden light come out of the clouds and send its light up into the sky. Then the sun lifted its head, higher and higher, filled the whole world with a hue of deep red, which turned to gold, till it grew into morning.

Pippa clapped her plump hands, and her voice burst forth into song.

"Oh, day!" she called out again, "Precious day, I love every wavelet of thee! To me every minute of your twelve hours is a treasure, every second a gift. You are mine for twelve long, happy hours.

"No winding of coil after coil while you last. It is New Year's Day, my one holiday. Oh, day! I shall borrow of your joy on all the days that the New Year shall bring. To-day wherever I wish I can wander, whatever I choose I can sing, whatever I play will seem true."

Happy Pippa!

The lily that bloomed in her window smiled on her. She spoke to it, and it seemed to hear all she said.

"To-day I am your queen, little flowerlet. Yes, I am whatever I please! Smile on in your dress of pure white, call the bees, whisper to the warm showers to come, and in all of your glee, love Pippa, your queen. For to-morrow I must be only Pippa again, Pippa, who winds silk all the days except on the first day of the year."

So Pippa jumped into her clothes and ran from the old dreary attic, down the stairs into the street. Up the hillside she walked, toward the house of the man whose silk she wound. She saw the glass doors, the beautiful drapings, and as she passed the arbor, she heard voices talking.

But Pippa was too happy to stop. So she ran on, singing her song:

"The year's at the spring,  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hill-side's dew-pearled:  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn.  
God's in His heaven—  
All's right with the world."

On she ran up the hill, not even stopping to speak with the children who played by the way.

At noon, singing the same song she passed

the house of an artist. She saw him at work. But she never dreamed he was glad of her song.

As the sun sank in the West, she started down the hill towards home. She could not help singing, even when she saw a mother weeping at the words her son was whispering to her, as they stood on the porch.

She passed a company of four girls, and they wondered what made the child so happy. Her voice floated in through the window of an old bishop's house, and to him it said: "A Happy New Year."

The people in the fine houses heard her words, and they said: "That child with the flowers and her song, is a thousand times happier than we are to-day." But Pippa did not know it then.

That night, when she went back to the attic, and sat on her straw bed taking off her worn shoes, she wondered if even the silk she should coil the next day would ever touch the fine people whom she had seen all about her that happy New Year's Day.

—Adapted from Browning.

#### "HOLD ON TO ME TIGHT"

We had been waiting at the station for a long time, little Ruth and I. As we paced up and down the platform the child prattled of one thing and another. I answered her absent-mindedly, for my heart was troubled. The inefficiency of my Christian life was the burden on my soul. I didn't love God as I should—that, I had decided, was why I was making such a dismal failure. What could I do to make myself love Him more? How could I save myself, even leaving out all thought of helping others to build on the sure foundation?

Owing to an accident farther along the road our car was crowded when it came, and in the first few moments it seemed as if we would be swept off our feet. I heard little Ruth cry out, "Hold on to me tight, Auntie," as she felt the rush, and you may be sure I did hold her tight with both hands, my great fear being she would be torn away from me. At last, when we were seated safely in the car, she nestled up to me

in the dearest little confiding way:

"It's a lucky thing, Auntie, you kept tight hold of me. I held hard as I could with two fingers, but if you hadn't held on to me tight I guess I'd have been pulled right away. I'm glad you've got such strong hands."

"Out of the mouths of babes!" Here was my answer. I was trying to depend on the tiny clasp of my hand on God's, forgetting the strong clasp of His on mine.

#### THE LIVING CHRIST

In the lessons of this quarter, we return to our studies in the Acts of the Apostles which were interrupted six months ago. We are to follow the apostle Paul, as he goes from place to place making known to others the Saviour whom he learned so dearly to love.

But Paul would not have been able to do the great things which he did accomplish if he had been alone. Wherever he went there was One with him, who strengthened him and enabled him to help others. While we do not lose our interest in the servant, we ought ever to keep our eyes fixed upon the Master, who was always by Paul's side. And He will be as near to us as Paul, if we desire to have Him in our lives. Let it be the aim of the teacher during this Quarter to impress on the minds of the little ones that Jesus is not dead or far off, but living and near at hand. In these twelve lessons we see THE LIVING CHRIST:

1. Saving his servants from prison and their jailer from his sins.
2. Giving joy to His followers.
3. Convincing men that He was the promised Messiah.
4. Commanding His followers to live a holy life.
5. Declaring Himself to be the Judge of men.
6. Promising His servant protection.
7. Requiring self-denial for the sake of others.
8. Proclaiming the law of love.
9. Giving the Holy Spirit.
10. Showing His power over evil spirits.
11. Claiming worship given to idols.
12. Bringing the grace of God to men.



An Order of Service

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**AN ORDER OF SERVICE**

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR A HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1903

I. REPEAT IN CONCERT, "There is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

II. TEACHER. What day is this?

CLASS. The Sabbath day.

TEACHER. What command did God give about the Sabbath day?

CLASS. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

III. SING (unannounced) "Jesus, We love to meet." Hymn 573, Book of Praise.

IV. RECITE IN CONCERT (all standing) The Lord's Prayer.

V. OFFERINGS (regular and birthday).

VI. SING softly :

Little givers, come and bring  
Tribute to your heavenly King ;  
Lay it on the altar high,  
While your songs ascend the sky ;  
Little givers, do your part  
With a glad and willing heart ;  
For the angel voices say,  
Little givers, give to-day.

Give to all the darkened earth  
Tidings of a heavenly birth,  
Till the youth in every land  
Learn the Saviour's sweet command ;  
Little givers, come and bring  
Tribute to your heavenly King ;  
Lay it on the altar high,  
While your songs ascend the sky.

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Encourage the children to learn at home I Cor. 13 : 1-13, and each week recite in concert as far as learned. This is one of the "Scripture Memory Passages" for 1903, and will serve to emphasize the lesson of "love" that runs through all the lessons of this Quarter. Then recite the Golden Text for the Quarter, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

VIII. SING, "Lord, a little band and lowly," Hymn 543, Book of Praise.

IX. LESSON FOR DAY.

X. PRAYER ; asking that the lesson learned may sink deep into the heart.

XI. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER, HYMN 493, BOOK OF PRAISE.

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NOTE—If teachers have not occasionally used with the little ones the standard hymns of the Church, such as the Lesson Hymn for this Quarter, they are recommended to try them. Even though the children may not understand all the words, let the hymns be so sung that they will catch the spirit, and they will enjoy them for many reasons, not the least of which is that they may join with the older people in church and family worship.

## Lesson I.

## PAUL AND SILAS AT PHILIPPI

January 4, 1903

Acts 16 : 22-34. Study Acts 16 : 16-34—Memory Verses, 29-32.

**Golden Text**—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16 : 31.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them : and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely :

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God : and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken : and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm : for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang

in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved ?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the LORD, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes ; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul and Silas were preaching in Philippi, there was there a poor slave-girl who was said to have the power of telling fortunes by an evil spirit. In this way she made much money for her cruel and greedy masters.

Several times as Paul and Silas were on their way to the river-side to worship, the poor girl followed them, calling after them with so much noise, that one day Paul turned and said to the spirit of evil, "Come out of her." and it at once obeyed him.

But when her masters saw that the girl was cured, and knew that now she would make no more money for them, they were furious. So they dragged Paul and Silas before the police, saying angrily, "These Jewish fellows are upsetting all our Roman customs! Let us be rid of them!"

Hearing this the magistrate rushed upon the missionaries, and tearing off their clothes, gave orders that they should be beaten and put in prison.

Now when the jailer was told that these were dangerous men, he shut Paul and Silas in the darkest part of the jail, fastening their feet in such a way that they could neither lie down nor stand.

But instead of trying to break loose Paul and Silas prayed and sang praise to God, and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly at midnight there was a great earthquake, so that the walls of the prison were shaken and everyone's chains fell off.

Now the jailer hearing the noise awoke with a great start and finding the doors open, he drew his sword to kill himself, knowing that he would be punished if the

*as told Robinson  
Philippian*

prisoners escaped from the prison house.

But Paul cried loudly to him, "Put up thy sword! We are all safe."

Then calling for a light the jailer ran quickly and brought Paul and Silas out of the dungeon into his own house. And falling trembling on his knees before them he cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

And the jailer believed all the words of Paul and Silas and he and his family were baptized that night. And when he had brought water, he washed the bruises of the missionaries, and setting food before them, he sat beside them rejoicing, with his whole household over all that the Lord had done for him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What were Paul and Silas doing at Philippi? 2. What cure did they work there? 3. Why were the masters of the slave-girl displeased? 4. What did they say to the magistrates? 5. In what two ways were the missionaries punished? 6. How did the jailer treat Paul and Silas? 7. How did they behave in prison? 8. What happened at midnight? 9. How did Paul comfort the jailer? 10. What great question did he ask the missionaries? 11. How did Paul answer him? 12. How did the jailer show that he believed in Jesus?

### Lesson Story

Mary had given her hand such a bad cut that the doctor said he would have to put in a stitch or two. Before beginning he said kindly, "Now, Mary, you may cry as much as you like as long as you keep your hand still."

"I would rather sing," replied the child.

"All right," said the Doctor, "That would be better. What can you sing?"

"I can sing 'Give, said the Little Stream' Do you know that?"

"That's beautiful," said the Doctor. "I want to hear the whole of it."

So Mary began, her sweet childish voice ringing bravely through the room while the doctor worked, and soon the pain was over. How would it do for us all to try Mary's plan?

### Lesson Hymn

If I come to Jesus,  
He will make me glad;  
He will give me pleasure,  
When my heart is sad. Amen.  
—Hymn 553, Book of Praise

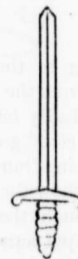
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. **Who made you?** God made me. 2. **Who is God?** God is my heavenly Father. 3. **What kind of a Father is God?** God is a good and loving Father.

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 labor, 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.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

The keeper of the prison had a sword and yet he was afraid. What did he try to do



*Sword  
Engelmann*

with his sword? And who saved his life and took away his fear? Look at v. 31, and you will learn who can keep you from being afraid.

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT JESUS CAN SAVE ME**

*Mm. Joe  
Momi. Ba*

Philippians 4 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 6-8.

**Golden Text**—Rejoice in the LORD alway.—Phil. 4 : 4.

1 Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the LORD, *my* dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Euod'ias, and beseech Syn'tyche', that they be of the same mind in the LORD.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clem'ent also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the LORD alway : *and* again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The LORD *is* at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing ; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Je'sus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are*

pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report ; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do : and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the LORD greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again ; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want : for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound : every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

Owing to the bad treatment he had received from the rulers of Philippi, Paul was left so badly off that it was with difficulty that he could go on with his journey.

Learning from others that he was in need, and to show their love for the man who had first brought them the gospel, the Christians of Philippi surprised Paul more than once by sending him a present of money together with many kind and loving messages.

We know that Paul always remembered the kind thoughtfulness of the people of Philippi for his welfare, because many years after he spoke of it when writing to them from Rome, when he had again been taken prisoner for the sake of the gospel.

To these Philippians whom Paul so much

loved that he called them his "joy and crown," he now wrote, beseeching them to let nothing that happened to him make them lose their faith in God.

"For," said the brave apostle, who had suffered such great hardships, "Whether I am hungry or not hungry is no matter, for I have learned in whatever state I am to be content. I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. In this I have set you an example. Be anxious about nothing, but in everything let your requests be made known unto God in prayer, with thanksgiving. And let the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

"Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I

say rejoice! Do not be carried away by foolishness but watch for the coming of the Lord."

While the warnings and teachings of Paul's letter were meant for all, the apostle sent special messages to some of his old fellow-workers. He asked particularly that help should be given to the women, who, with Clement and others, had first aided him in starting the church at Philippi. Also that Euodias and Syntyche, two of the ladies there, who had since had some disagreement, might now be willing to forget it for Christ's sake.

"Last of all, my dear friends" said Paul in closing, "Think about, and follow after, all things that are true and honest and just and pure and lovely and well spoken about, and your lives shall receive the praise and approval of God.

"Now all that you have both learned and seen in me that is good, do, and the God of peace shall be with you. Farewell!"

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What kindness did the Philippian Christians show Paul? 2. Why was he in need of help? 3. What had he done for the Philippians? 4. How did he remember them when he was far from them? 5. What did he write to them about his own troubles? 6. What kind of man was the apostle? 7. For whose coming did he tell the believers to watch? 8. To whom did he send special messengers? 9. Who were Euodias and Syntyche? 10. What did Paul say to them? 11. What six things did he ask the Philippians to think about? 12. Where was Paul writing from? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Johnny's mamma never scolds and never frets," said little Frank; "I wish my mamma was like that."

"What kind of a boy is Johnny?" asked his aunt.

"Oh, he is a good, kind little boy, always whistling or singing or laughing. Why, Auntie, isn't it funny? I believe he likes to have other people have a good time better than to have a good time himself."

"Perhaps that is the secret of his mamma never scolding," said Frank's aunt. "Good boys make happy, good mothers."

### Lesson Hymn

More like Jesus would I be,  
Let my Saviour dwell with me,  
Fill my soul with peace and love,  
Make me gentle as the dove.  
More like Jesus! while I go  
Pilgrim in this world below  
Poor in spirit would I be—  
Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.  
—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—4. Can you see God? No; I cannot see God, but He always sees me. 5. Why can you not see God? Because God is a spirit, and has not a body as we have.

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was a crown something like this that was put on Edward VII.'s head when he became the king of the British Empire.



But there is a King whose crown each of you can help in the making of. Do you remember the words, "Little children are the gems in His crown"? Christ is the King, and in His crown He places the jewel of love brought by each one of His servants.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT JESUS CAN GIVE ME JOY

## Lesson III. PAUL AT THESSALONICA AND BEREA January 18, 1903

Acts 17 : 1-12. Study Acts 17 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 2-4.

Golden Text—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.—Ps. 119 : 105.



1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Ap'olonia, they came to Thess'aloni'ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews :

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead ; and that this Je'sus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Si'las ; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Ja'son and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come

hither also ; 7 Whom Ja'son hath received : and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cae'sar, saying that there is another king, *one* Je'sus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Ja'son, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Si'las by night unto Bere'a ; who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thess'aloni'ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed ; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Leaving Philippi, Paul and the other missionaries came to the Roman city of Thessalonica, where they took lodgings in the house of a man named Jason.

Hearing that there was a synagogue in the town, Paul, as was his custom, went into the house of God on the Sabbath day. And being invited to speak, he opened the book of the Old Testament and began to prove from the Scriptures that Jesus, who had died upon the cross and who had risen again, was the long-promised Saviour, foretold by the old prophets and in the Psalms.

So clearly did Paul explain the word of God, that he was invited to preach again in the same synagogue upon the two following Sabbaths.

Now many who heard him were fully per-

suaded that Jesus was the Christ. And some of the Jews and a large company of Greeks, and quite a number of the great ladies of Thessalonica believed in Jesus, and cast in their lot with the missionaries.

But there were also many who scoffed at the message of the apostles, and these, full of anger and jealousy against the new teaching, stirred up the idlers and loafers of the town, and set them to attack and search the home of Jason, hoping in this way to arrest Paul and Silas and bring them to punishment.

But when the missionaries could not be found at their lodgings, the excited mob dragged Jason himself and some others of the believers before the rulers, saying, ' These men are traitors, setting up one

called Jesus as their king, when there is no king but Caesar!"

However, nothing could be proved against Jason, and he was allowed to go.

When the believers in Thessalonica saw that it was no longer safe for Paul and Silas to stay in that city, they sent them away secretly by night to a place called Berea, where as before they went bravely into the synagogue of the Jews and taught.

Now the people of Berea, instead of stirring up trouble against the missionaries, received the gospel joyfully, and day after day they studied the Scriptures for themselves to prove whether or not the words spoken by Paul and Silas were true.

In this way many of the most respected men and women of Berea, both Jews and Greeks, became followers of Jesus and joined themselves to the church of Christ.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul go after leaving Philippi? 2. With whom did he stay? 3. Where did he go on the Sabbath? 4. What was he invited to do? 5. Of whom did he preach? 6. How did he prove that Jesus was the Saviour? 7. Who believed his message? 8. Whom did the unbelievers stir up against the missionaries? 9. What did they do to Jason? 10. What charge did they bring against the Christians? 11. How were Paul and Silas protected? 12. Where did they next preach? 13. How did the people of Berea receive the gospel? 14. How did they find out that it was true? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

The first Bibles were written on long strips of sheep-skin, and rolled up something like a roll of ribbon. As printing was unknown there were few copies of it in the world, and they had all to be written out by the hand of patient men, each copy by itself. But God was taking care of His precious Word.

If they had been written on flimsy paper wicked men who wanted to destroy all Bibles might have done so, for the Bibles had often to be buried in the ground or hidden away in caves and holes. But they were unhurt and some of them have lasted until this day.

### Lesson Hymn

Simply trusting every day,  
Trusting through a stormy way,  
Even when my faith is small:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,  
Trusting as the days go by;  
Trusting Him whate'er befall:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all. Amen.*  
—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. **Where is God?** God is everywhere. 7. **What does God know?** God knows all things. 8. **What does God know about you?** God knows everything I think, say or do.

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.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

In one of your lessons, you remember, you were asked to draw a crown, and to-day you have a cross to draw. You will all



agree that things pleasant and easy are much nicer to have to do with than hard things. But without the hard things, that we call crosses, we could not look forward to one day wearing the crown that Jesus has promised to each one of His little ones.

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT JESUS CAN GIVE ME JOY**

## Lesson IV. PAUL'S COUNSEL TO THE THESSALONIANS Jan. 25, 1903

1 Thess. 5: 14-28. Study 1 Thess. 5: 1-28—Memory Verses, 16-18.

**Golden Text**—Hold fast that which is good.—1 Thess. 5: 21.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Je'sus Christ be with you. Amen.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Je'sus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Je'sus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Though Paul had been driven out of Thessalonica by wicked men, he did not forget the little company of believers there, who were still suffering many hardships for the sake of their new faith.

To encourage them to stand boldly on the side of Christ, even though all the world were against them, Paul wrote them a letter, which is now part of the Bible, being called "The Epistle to the Thessalonians."

In this epistle Paul told the Christians of Thessalonica, if they wished to become strong and useful servants of God, how they must behave toward one another and especially toward those who would do them harm.

"My dear brethren," said the apostle, "things may be against you just now, but be wise and very patient. Speak kindly to those who are quarrelsome, that they may not become the more unruly. Show your love to Christ by looking after the sick and feeble, rather than in disputing about rules and doctrines. And be especially thoughtful for any who are feeble-minded, or in any

way less favored than you yourselves are.

"If some unkind person does you a wrong, do not pay him back in the same way, but treat others always as you would be treated yourself.

"Follow that which is good, not only towards those who believe as you do, but with every one with whom you have anything to do.

"At the same time be joyful, be prayerful, be thankful, for such things are pleasing in the sight of God.

"And if at any time you should not be sure as to what you ought to do, keep away from everything that has about it even the least look of wrong, and listen to the voice of God's Spirit, whom He will send to be your Guide and Comforter.

"Above all, pay much attention to the teachings of God's Word as well as to those of all good men. Do not depend altogether upon what others say, but decide things for yourselves, holding fast that which is good, remembering that the great and faithful



God of all the earth is upon your side.

"Now may He preserve you from every danger, and may His grace and blessing be among you, until at last Christ Himself shall come and take you to be with Him forever."

At the end of this letter Paul sent greetings to all, earnestly asking that the believers of Thessalonica would pray for him and the other missionaries.

Just before closing he put in these words, "This letter is the Lord's message. See that it is read to all the brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Paul send a letter to the believers in Thessalonica? 2. Where is it now to be found? 3. How did Paul say they must treat those who were troubling them? 4. To whom were they to show special kindness? 5. In what three other ways were they to honor God? 6. What rule did he give them for use in time of doubt? 7. What did he say about God's Word? 8. What did he beg for himself? 9. What was his prayer for the Thessalonians? 10. What warning did he give about his letter? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Two little girls, Susie and Maggie, were going to the neighboring town each carrying on her head a heavy basket of fruit to sell for money enough to buy the family dinner. Susie fretted all the way but Maggie only joked and laughed. At last Susie got out of patience, and said angrily, "How can you go on laughing so? Your basket is as heavy as mine, and you are not one bit stronger I don't understand it."

"Oh," said Maggie, "It is easy enough to understand. I have a certain little plant that I put on the top of my load, and it makes it so light I hardly feel it."

"Indeed!" said Susie, "It must be a very precious little plant, I wish I could lighten my load with it. Where does it grow?"

"It grows," replied Maggie, "wherever you plant it and give it a chance to take

root, and there's no knowing the relief it gives. Its name is Patience."

### The Lesson Hymn

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

--Hymn 582, Book of Praise

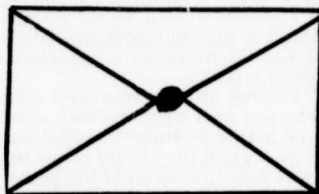
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What Can God do? God can do all that He wishes to do.

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.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Who does not love to get letters? Paul wrote a letter to some of his friends long



ago. Here is one sentence you may take from it for your very own—just as if it had been written for you, "Hold fast that which is good."

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT JESUS IS MY KING**

Lesson V.

## PAUL AT ATHENS

February 1, 1903

Acts 17 : 22-34. Study Acts 17 : 13-34—Memory Verses, 28, 29.

**Golden Text**—He preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection.—Acts 17 : 18.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, *Ye* men of Ath'ens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands ;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things ;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation ;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us :

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being ; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at ; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent ;

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained ; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked : and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed : among the which *was* Di'onys'ius the A'reop'agite, and a woman named Dam'aris, and others with them.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When the enemies of Paul heard that he was preaching in Berea, they followed him there and stirred up so much trouble against him that he was again obliged to flee for his life. So going on board ship he came at last to the city of Athens.

Here while waiting for his companions, Paul had time to see many of the sights of this great heathen city, which was noted for the learning and cleverness of its people, and for its beautiful temples and art galleries.

But Paul was sad when he saw how filled the city was with idols. Statues of gold and marble and bronze, all in honor of heathen gods and goddesses, lined the market-places

and streets.

Hearing that Paul was the teacher of a new religion, the proud and learned Athenians, always in search of some new amusement, brought Paul to their meeting place on the side of Mars' Hill, and invited him to give them an address.

"Men of Athens," said the apostle when they were come together, "I see by the number of temples and statues in your city that you are very religious.

"But as I walked about noticing your places of worship, I found an altar having this strange motto, '**TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.**' It is of Him that I have come to tell you.

But He is not a God who lives in temples made with hands, however beautiful. Neither does He need offerings of food and drink such as you place before your gods; for He made the world and all things that are here.

"He made man also, not only the wise and clever, but the ignorant foreigner and barbarian. For, as one of your own writers has said, 'We are everyone of us His children.'

"Now the Lord is not far away, attending to His own affairs as you suppose the gods to be; for it is by Him that we are kept alive and are able to live and breathe and move about.

"How foolish then to think that any idol, even if carved out of the finest silver or gold, can be like God, the great Judge and Maker of all things!

"Moreover, there is no longer an 'Unknown God,' for God has sent His own Son to die and rise again, that in Him all who repent shall one day rise also, and dwell with Him forever."

Now some of the Athenians, when they heard Paul speak of the rising from the dead, began to mock and scoff, so that the meeting was interrupted. Others said, "We will hear more of this another day."

However, there were a few who believed Paul's words, among whom were Dionysius the councilor, and a woman called Damaris.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. For what was Athens famous?
2. Why did Paul go there?
3. With what was he displeased?
4. Why did the Athenians invite Paul to speak to them?
5. Where did he give his address?
6. What led him to speak of the Unknown God?
7. How is He higher than the gods of the heathen?
8. How did Paul show that God is not far off?
9. How did he say all men might know Him?
10. Why were some displeased with Paul's message?
11. What did some others say?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Many little children have asked: What is God like? If He isn't a man, what is God like?

My dear child, He is like the kindest, most

loving and tender person you know, only wiser and far more loving and gentle. God is love.

### Lesson Hymn

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring. Amen.

—Hymn 541, Book of Praise

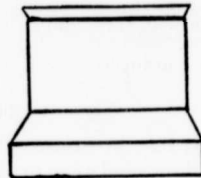
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the son of God.  
11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Long ago God's people used to worship Him by offering up a little lamb upon an



altar. When the smoke of the fire went up toward the sky, God was well pleased. When you whisper the prayer that only God hears, it goes up to Him, and God sends the answer.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN MAKE ME HOLY

Acts 18 : 1-11. Study Acts 18 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 9-11.

**Golden Text**—Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I. Cor. 3 : 11.



1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth.

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome;) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house

joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After a short stay in Athens, Paul went again on board ship and came to a great seaport town in Greece which was called Corinth. Here most of the people, unlike the Athenians, who were chiefly noted for their learning, were either traders or sailors, and had come from almost every country in the world.

Amongst others living in this heathen city, which was well-known for its wickedness, was a Roman Jew named Aquila and his wife Priscilla, who, because of their religion, had been driven out of their own country by the heathen emperor Claudius, who had ordered all Jews to leave Italy.

This couple, who afterwards became believers in Jesus, earned their living by making tents and sail-cloth, and when Paul came to Corinth he went to live and work

with them, for by trade he also was a tentmaker.

And every Sabbath, as had been his custom in other cities, he went into the synagogue, preaching the gospel to as many of the Jews and Greeks as were gathered there for worship. After a time Paul was joined at Corinth by two other missionaries, Silas and Timothy, who brought him such help from the Christians of Philippi, that he was no longer obliged to spend his time in tent-making, but could give all his strength to the preaching of the gospel.

Now at first the Corinthian Jews listened gladly enough to the new teaching, but when they saw that Paul would have them believe in Jesus as the promised Saviour, they set themselves stedfastly against him, speaking evil both of the missionaries and

their message and stirred up the people.

Then Paul, seeing that his fellow-countrymen would not listen to him, left off speaking in the synagogue, and shaking the dust from off his garments as a sign against them, he said, "Let the punishment of this be upon yourselves. If you will not receive my message, I will turn and preach to the Gentiles."

Now the Gentiles or heathen were much despised by the Jews, who looked upon them as no better than slaves or outcasts.

At this time there lived near the synagogue a believer and his family whose name was Justus. In this man's house Paul at once rented a room, and here he again began to preach the gospel to all who would listen, whether they were Jews or Greeks.

And the Lord greatly encouraged Paul in his new work and spoke to him by a vision in the night, saying, "Fear not, Paul, for I will stand by you and will see that no man is allowed to hurt you. Preach my message boldly, and you shall save many souls in this heathen city."

Before long Crispus, one of the chief rulers of the synagogue, and all his household, believed upon the Lord and came to Paul asking to be baptized. Also many others among the Corinthians, when they heard Paul speak, repented and turned to the Saviour.

Paul stayed in Corinth in all a year and six months, teaching the word of God to both Jews and Greeks and proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Son of God. The Lord greatly blessed him, and a large Christian congregation was built up.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul go after leaving Athens? 2. What kind of people lived in Corinth? 3. With whom did Paul stay? 4. What was Aquila's business? 5. What had brought him to Corinth? 6. How did Paul now make his living? 7. What did he do on the Sabbath? 8. What friends joined him in Corinth? 9. What did Silas and Timothy bring with them? 10. What was Paul now able to do? 11. Why did the Jews turn against him? 12. What did Paul say they would bring upon themselves?

13. Who were the Gentiles? 14. Where did Paul now preach? 15. What did the Lord say to Paul in a vision? 16. What great family among the Jews soon became believers? 17. How did the Gentiles receive the gospel? 18. The Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
And worship only Thee. AMEN.  
—Hymn 221, Book of Praise.

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—12. **Are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit different Gods?**  
No. These three persons are one God.

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

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

It is lovely to sleep in a tent on a hot summer night, but in the winter, we feel safer if



our bed is in a house. So when things are hard, little hearts want help.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT JESUS IS MY JUDGE

## A TEMPERANCE LESSON

1 Cor. 8 : 4-13. Study 1 Cor. 8 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace.—Rom. 14 : 19.



shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols ;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died ?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Paul left Corinth, the Gentile believers there fell to quarrelling among themselves as to whether certain things that they had done as heathen must be given up now that they were Christians.

Having no one to guide them, they sent a letter to Paul asking him, amongst other things, these questions, "What shall we do about meats that we know have been offered to idols, but which are afterwards taken and sold in the shops? Are we free to eat them or shall we not eat them?"

Also, "Is it right for us who are Christians ever to attend heathen feasts or to go to dinner at the houses of our heathen friends and relatives, and so run the risk of eating food that has been used in heathen worship?"

Now some of the Corinthians looked upon

4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that *there is none other God but one.*

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6 But to us *there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him ; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

7 Howbeit, *there is not in every man that knowledge : for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol ; and their conscience being weak is defiled.*

8 But meat commendeth us not to God : for neither, if we eat, are we the better ; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple,

he shall not be emboldened to eat those things which are

offered to idols ;

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died ?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

these questions as foolish, saying that they knew that an idol was only a piece of silver or gold, and that since they had come to worship the one true God, it made no difference whether their food had been set before the idols or not.

When Paul received their letter and knew how they had been disputing and quarrelling, he was much grieved with the Corinthians and sent them this message, that above all things they should try to live together in peace and love.

As to the question of eating foods that had been used in heathen worship, Paul wrote that if they were sure that an idol was nothing and were clear in their own minds that there was no other god but the one true God who had made heaven and earth, then there was no harm to themselves in eating

such sacrifices, though offered to idols.

"But you must think about others," said the apostle. "Suppose one of the weaker Christians among you, seeing his neighbor feasting in an idol-temple, should be tempted to do the same, and so should fall back into the worship of idols, then would it not be a sin? It is indeed a good thing to feel strong and free, but take great care lest you place temptation before others.

"For what does it matter whether we eat or do not eat? Is it not better to keep ourselves from enjoying even what is right, rather than that our weak companions for whom also Christ died, should perish?"

"As for myself," said Paul in closing, "If, through my example others should be led astray, I would do without meat for the rest of my life, rather than through eating it I should cause anyone to sin."

We thus see how one who is strong may help those who are weak.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what sin did the Corinthian Christians fall? 2. Whom did they ask to settle their dispute? 3. What questions did they ask Paul? 4. What did some of the Corinthians say about such foods? 5. Why was Paul grieved with the Corinthians? 6. How did he urge them to live? 7. For whom did Paul say it would be no harm to eat heathen food? 8. Why then was it better not to eat it? 9. What did Paul say about leading others into sin? 10. What was his own plan? 11. The Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Freddie and Marion were just getting over the scarlet-fever. Poor little Marion had had much the worst of it and even yet could take nothing but milk, though the doctor said that to-morrow Freddie might have a piece of toast and some jelly.

When to-morrow came Marion with tears in her eyes begged to be allowed to have what Freddie had, but mother was obliged to say "No" the Doctor had said she was too weak yet for any solid food.

Now when Freddie saw how badly his sick little sister would feel to see him eating nice things when she could not, he whispered to

his mother, "Maybe if I waited a day or two for my toast and jelly, Marion might be strong enough to have some too." And sure enough she was.

### Lesson Hymn

Do no sinful action,  
Speak no angry word,  
Ye belong to Jesus,  
Children of the Lord. Amen.  
—Hymn 529, Book of Praise.

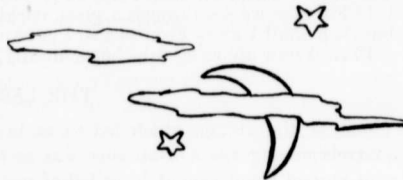
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—13. **What book tells us about God?** The Bible tells us about God. **14. What more does the Bible teach us?** The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live.

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Have you ever looked up at a starry sky, with the moon shining brightly? It is wonderful to think that not only the sky with



its great lights, but our whole earth, and the great wide ocean, were made by Him whom we can all call "Our Father in Heaven."

**I Have Learned Today**  
THAT JESUS CAN GUARD ME

1 Cor. 13 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 1-3.

**Golden Text**—Now abideth faith, hope, charity, but the greatest of these is charity.—1 Cor. 13 : 13.



be tongues, they shall cease ; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophecy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child ; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly ; but then face to face : now I know in part ; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three ; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the things which led to endless quarrels among the Corinthians was as to who among them should be called of most use in the church.

But Paul said, "You are wrong in supposing one man's gifts or talents are greater than another's. Let us leave those childish questions and follow after love, which is the greatest thing in the world."

"Now love," said Paul, "is something that we cannot see, but we can know it by the things which it does.

"First, love is truthful and takes pleasure in doing only such things as are right and good. Love is joyful and kind. Love is good tempered and patient with those who do wrong and always ready to believe the best of everybody.

"But there are some things," said the

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge ; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind ; charity envieth not ; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil ;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth ;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth ; but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail : whether *there*

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to the poor and should even allow my body to be burned, and had no love, my good deeds would mean nothing.

"So great is love that not even faith itself, though it be strong enough to move mountains, can take its place, for love lasts always, it never faileth.

"Now the more we know of love the more we know of God Himself," said Paul, "And as yet we know Him no more than if we had seen His shadow passing in a mirror. But even as children, when they grow up, lay aside their old toys and pleasures, so shall we outgrow our present thoughts of God when we shall see Him face to face. Then only shall we learn what love is, for God Himself is Love.

"Here then," wrote the apostle, "are the three greatest and most lasting things in the world, faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What did Paul say was greater than all gifts?
2. How can love be known?
3. What kind of things does love do?
4. What does love not do?
5. How does love behave when others do wrong?
6. What did Paul say the best preaching would be like without love?
7. Of what use are good deeds without love?
8. Why is love greater than faith?
9. From whom did Paul say men should learn to love?
10. What are the three most lasting things in the world?
11. Which of these is the greatest?
12. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

"Shan't play that stupid old game—its only fit for girls!"

"But, Tommy, we can't play without you; it won't be half so nice."

"Don't care," said Tommy, looking very cross indeed; "I wanted to play ball, and now you've lost the bat."

"I'm very sorry, Tommy dear," and little Elsie looked so sad that her brother began to feel sorry for being so cross.

"Do come and play with us," went on the loving little sister, "if you would only try this game, I think you would say it was as nice as ball."

Tommy could not resist the pleading look in Elsie's blue eyes, and therefore he made up his mind that he would join in the game of "shops" which his two little sisters, Elsie and Dora wanted so much to play.

To his surprise, he found out that it was just as nice as ball after all. And in this way the morning ended happily for all three children.

**Lesson Hymn**

Saviour, teach me day by day  
 Love's sweet lesson to obey;  
 Sweeter lesson cannot be—  
 Loving Him who first loved me. Amen.  
 —Hymn 575, Book of Praise.

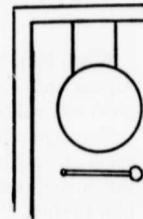
**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—15. Who wrote the Bible?** Good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit. **16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God?** All God's works teach us about Him.

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

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

The bright brass gong is pretty, but its noise is anything but sweet, when you strike it hard with the clapper. Little mouths



made to laugh can speak angry words. Don't let the clappers, called anger and hate, bring out these sounds; let love bring out the smiles.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
**JESUS WANTS ME TO DENY MYSELF**

## Lesson IX.

## PAUL AND APOLLOS

March 1, 1903

Acts 18 : 24 to 19 : 6. Study Acts 18 : 18 to 19 : 7—Memory Verses, 4-6.

**Golden Text**—If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?—Luke 11 : 13.



2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul left Corinth, he took with him Aquila and Priscilla and came to another great city called Ephesus.

Here again he went into the Jewish synagogue, preaching that Jesus was the Saviour. But though many of the Ephesians begged him to stay, Paul set out almost at once to be present at one of the great festivals in Jerusalem.

One Sabbath, when Aquila and Priscilla were attending worship in Ephesus, they were much pleased by the preaching of a young man from Alexandria named Apollos.

Now Apollos had learned from his studies of the Old Testament and especially through the teachings of John the Baptist, that the time was near when the Saviour of the

24 And a certain Jew named Apoll'o's<sup>o</sup> born at Alexan'dria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Eph'esus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the LORD; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the LORD, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquil'a and Priscill'a had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achai'a, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Je'sus was Christ.

Ch. 19.—1 And it came to pass, that, while Apoll'os was at Cor'inth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts, came to Eph'esus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

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world should come.

When Aquila and Priscilla saw that he was looking for the Messiah, but did not know that Jesus was He, they took him to their house and from the same scripture explained to him the way of God more fully.

So certainly did Apollos believe that Jesus was the Saviour, that he at once wanted to go to Corinth to carry on the work begun by Paul of preaching the Gospel there. In this Aquila and Priscilla encouraged him, giving him letters of introduction to the Christians in their old home.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul came back to Ephesus, and finding a number of people there who had been earnestly seeking to know more about the Saviour, he asked

them, "Have you received the Holy Spirit?"

"We have not even heard of Him," was the reply, "We are followers of John the Baptist."

Then said Paul, "John was indeed a great teacher, who preached everywhere that men should repent and believe on one who should come after him. But he was put to death before Jesus died on the cross, so that he knew nothing about the forgiveness of sins or the gift of the Holy Spirit, which were given only by Christ Himself."

When the followers of John heard this, they at once asked to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and when Paul had laid his hands upon them as a sign that they were Christ's, the Holy Spirit came upon them so that at once they also were able to speak in different languages and so teach the gospel to all who would hear the message.

Now the number of the people whom Paul first baptized at Ephesus was about twelve.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who went with Paul to Ephesus?
2. To whom did Paul preach while there?
3. What other teacher soon visited the synagogue?
4. What was the message of Apollos?
5. Where had he learned that Christ should come?
6. How did he find out that Jesus was the Saviour?
7. What did he do when he became a believer?
8. How did Aquila and Priscilla further help him?
9. What did Paul say to the followers of John the Baptist?
10. How did they receive the Holy Spirit?
11. What power did He give them?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Once our Lord told His disciples about a young man who asked his father for some money, and then went away from home. He made friends with many wicked people, and spent all his money in foolish ways. At last he had none left, and none of his friends would help him. This brought him to himself, and made him feel how wicked he had been; and he said, "I will arise and go to my father."

So he came back to his father, and his father was so pleased to see him that he kissed him and gave him fine clothes, and

made him a great feast.

Now the kind father is like God, and if we turn to Him and give up our sins, He will forgive us and send His Spirit to help us to be good for Jesus Christ's sake.

### Lesson Hymn

Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness, pitying see;  
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,  
And worthier Thee. Amen.  
—Hymn 111, Book of Praise.

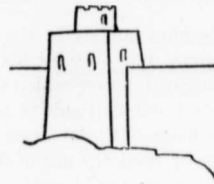
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 17. **What are God's works?** The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon and the stars.

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

If an enemy were attacking you, you would feel safe if you were in a strong tower, and



with a good captain. The Bible says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." When God protects us we are safe.

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**I Have Learned To-day that**  
JESUS TEACHES ME TO BE LOVING

## Lesson X.

## PAUL AT EPHEBUS

March 8, 1903

Acts 19 : 13-20. Study Acts 19 : 8-20—Memory Verses, 18-20.

**Golden Text**—The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.—Acts 19 : 17.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Paul soon became famous in the country all about Ephesus, not only for his preaching, but for the great power which God had given him to cast out evil spirits and cure diseases in the name of Christ Jesus.

Now Paul never used the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring gain to himself or to his friends, but only for the honor of God and as a help in spreading the gospel.

At this time it was a common thing among the superstitious and ignorant Ephesians to resort to all kinds of magic medicines and charms to ward off sickness and trouble. And there were also some of the Jews who went about from place to place deceiving the people, and pretending that by repeating certain names and spells over those who were ill, they could drive away evil spirits and work other great wonders. Some of these strolling magicians, as they were called, when they saw how much greater Paul's miracles were than theirs, wickedly imagined that by using the name of Jesus, they also could do the same things, and so make a larger fortune for themselves.

Amongst others who thought this, were the seven sons of a Jewish priest named Sceva. One day two of this family of magicians paid a visit to a person who was maddened by an evil spirit, and said over him these words: "In the name of Jesus of whom Paul preacheth, we command you to be gone!"

But the spirit answered, "Jesus I know, and His servant Paul I know, but who are you?" And with these words the maddened man jumped upon them in fury, wounding both of the pretenders and tearing their clothes to shreds, so that they were glad to escape out of the house with their lives.

Soon the story of the punishment that had happened to the two sons of Sceva spread throughout the town, and all who heard it, both Jews and Greeks, being filled with surprise and fear, gave more and greater honor than before to the name of the Lord Jesus.

And some of the more ignorant of the believers, who secretly had done some of the same things, came now and confessed their sins. And not a few of the chief sorcerers

and magicians who until this time, had got their living by deceiving the people brought the ancient books which held all their magic rules and recipes and threw them in a great pile in the middle of the street.

And when they were gathered together, they set them on fire as a sign to all their neighbors that they no longer believed in witchcraft or magic or any such thing, but were now the servants of a new master, even Christ.

Now when the price of the books that had been burned was counted up, it was found to be as much as ten thousand dollars.

From this time the Church of God spread and grew mightily among the Ephesians, and no man could hinder it.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What made Paul well known besides his preaching? 2. For what did he use this power? 3. Who thought they could do the same things? 4. Why did the magicians wish to be able to work Paul's miracles? 5. Whom did two of them try to cure? 6. What did they say to the evil spirit? 7. How did he answer? 8. How were the sons of Sceva punished? 9. How did this failure bring honor to the name of Christ? 10. Why did the magicians and sorcerers burn their holy books? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

In the island of Fiji there once lived a savage and blood-thirsty king named Thakombau. Worse than all he was a cannibal and it is said that at one time there were no children in his village for the king had eaten them. But there was a power that touched the heart of this cannibal king.

When missionaries came to Fiji, little by little as Thakombau listened to the gospel his life was changed. In time he allowed his two great war drums which had never before sounded any call except to war or to a cannibal feast, to be used to summon worshippers to God's house, and later still he himself was baptized confessing his sins. Thakombau and his people became loving and gentle. Life is as safe in Fiji now as in any part of the world. Is not the gospel

which has wrought this change the very power of God?

### Lesson Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
To crown Him Lord of all. Amen.  
—Hymn 90, Book of Praise.

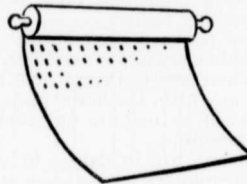
### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—18. What do God's works tell us about Him?** God's works tell us of His wisdom, His power, and His love.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?** A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

How would you like to have your picture-books in long rolls like this?  
Long ago people read from "scrolls" as



they were called instead of books like ours. All the letters that Paul wrote, that we have in our Bible, were written on scrolls.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL GIVE ME THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 19: 29-40. Study Acts 19: 21-41—Memory Verses, 29-31.

**Golden Text**—The Lord preserveth the faithful.—Ps. 31: 23.



29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gai'us and Aristarch'us, men of Mac'edo'nia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain of the chief of A'sia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Al'exan'der out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Al'exan'der beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great *is* Dian'a of the Ephe'sians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said *Ye* men of Eph'esus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephe'sians is a worshipper of the great goddess, Dian'a, and of the *image* which fell down from Ju'piter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Deme'trius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the things for which the city of Ephesus was famous was its great heathen temple, in which was the well-known image of the goddess Diana, which all the Ephesians believed had fallen down to them out of heaven.

Now, because the believers would no longer join in the great heathen festival which was held every year in the month of May in honor of this famous goddess, many of their heathen neighbors were displeased.

One man in particular who set himself to stir up trouble against the Christians was a silversmith called Demetrius, who made his living by selling small silver images of the goddess to travellers and visitors as they

passed through the city.

Seeing that his business was likely to be injured by the preaching of Paul, Demetrius called his fellow-workmen together, saying, "If this teaching is allowed to go on, we shall lose a great deal of money, for if people come to believe as Paul says, that there are no gods made with hands, then nobody will buy our images. Not only will we lose our business, but think of the dishonor there will be to the great goddess Diana, and of how the world will laugh."

At these words, the crowd set up a tremendous shout, "There is no god but Diana! Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" And in their fury against Paul the angry mob

rushed to his lodgings, and not finding him there, they dragged his two companions, Gaius and Aristarchus, with them into the theatre with great shouting and noise.

When Paul heard of the danger his two friends were in, he wanted to go at once and try what he could do to quiet the mob, but the believers and some of the city officers who were his friends held him back, knowing he would be torn to pieces.

In the theatre some were crying one thing and some another, for no one seemed exactly sure what the trouble was about. Then Alexander, motioning with his hand for all to be quiet, began to speak. But when the angry and excited crowd saw by his Jewish dress and face that he was a countryman of Paul's, they would not listen to him, but began shouting louder than ever, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians! Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

After the people had worn themselves out in shouting for two hours or more, the town-clerk came and put an end to the noise, saying, "Men of Ephesus, is there a man living who has not heard of the glorious temple of the Ephesians, and of your devotion to the great image that fell down from heaven?"

"Seeing, then, that these are things that cannot be spoken against, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing foolishly. If Demetrius and his workmen have a charge to bring against anyone, let them settle it before the rulers, but as for these whom you have arrested, take care what you do, for we are already in danger of getting into trouble with the governor."

When the mob heard this they were ashamed, and soon the meeting was broken up so that Paul and his companions were saved.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the believers in Ephesus offend their heathen neighbors? 2. Who stirred up trouble against the Christians? 3. Who was Demetrius? 4. Why was he afraid of the teaching of Paul? 5. What other reason did he give against it? 6. How did the crowd answer his speech? 7. What did they try to do to Paul? 8. Whom did they arrest? 9. Who prevented Paul from

entering the theatre? 10. Who first tried to quiet the angry mob? 11. How long did they continue shouting? 12. How were they at last quieted? 13. What did the town-clerk say? 14. The Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

God is my strong salvation,  
What foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation,  
My light, my help, is near. Amen.  
—Hymn 273, Book of Praise.

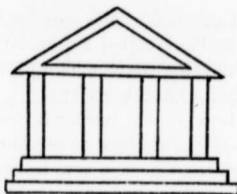
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—19. **Who takes care of the world?** God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

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

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

This church is not very like your own, but it was in places like this that Paul often



spoke. They were called temples then, not churches. We need not go to a grand church to meet God. He is everywhere.

—

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT JESUS CAN OVERCOME MY SINS

## Lesson XII. PAUL'S MESSAGE TO THE EPHESIANS March 22, 1903

Ephesians 2 : 1-10. Study Eph. 2 : 1-22—Memory Verses, 4-7.

**Golden Text**—By grace are ye saved through faith.—Eph. 2 : 8.

God : 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Je'sus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience :

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind ; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved ;)

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly places in Christ Je'sus.7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Je sus.8 For by grace are ye saved through faith ; and that not of yourselves : *it is the gift of*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Seeing that the time had come for him to leave Ephesus, Paul called the believers together, and, bidding them a loving farewell he went away into another city.

Knowing how much harder it would be for the Ephesian Christians to remain faithful on the side of Christ when he was not there to warn and encourage them, Paul sent them a letter reminding them that it was now their part to live such holy and upright lives, that others of their fellow-countrymen should be won to love and honor their new Master.

In this letter, which was called the "Epistle (or Letter) to the Ephesians," Paul sent special messages to the Gentile Christians who had so lately given up their heathen gods to serve Christ. And he drew for them two pictures, showing how they had lived before they had received the gospel and how after.

In the first picture Paul described the old heathen life of the Ephesians, saying, "Before you became believers in Jesus your souls

were dead in trespasses and sins. You were so accustomed to doing what was wrong and following the ways of the heathen about you, that your minds had become dull and stupid, until it was almost impossible for you to tell right from wrong. And not only you who were Gentiles, but the Jews also, God's own chosen people, were given up to the same kinds of sinful enjoyment and wickedness.

"But now," said the apostle, "look at the second picture. There you see yourselves, who were once so low and ignorant that you took no pleasure in anything holy or good, sitting at the feet of Jesus learning from God Himself how you may best please and obey Him. For He, having saved us by His blood, has given us the forgiveness of all our sins."

"Now," said Paul, "How is it that the things we once loved we now hate? Is it because we ourselves are any better? Surely not.

"It is only because of the kindness and



love of God that we are saved. We owe nothing to our own good works, so let us not boast of them. God is the great Planner and Builder. We are simply His tools and workmen.

"But why has God so honored us, that we should receive this His free gift of eternal life through faith?

"Surely it is that we, having the new life of His Spirit within us, may spread the good news of His kindness and love to all men; that not only now, but in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Paul remember the Ephesians, when he was parted from them? 2. What is the letter called? 3. To whom did he send special messages? 4. How did Paul picture their old life? 5. Who beside the Gentiles had become dead and stupid through sin? 6. Why should the Jews have known better than the heathen? 7. From whom had they all received forgiveness? 8. Who had given them the power to do right? 9. What did Paul warn them against? 10. For what reason did Paul say that God had saved them? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Once there was a briar growing in a ditch, and there came along a gardener with a spade. As he dug around it and lifted it up the briar said to itself, "What is he doing that for? Doesn't he know that I am only an old worthless briar?" But the gardener took it into his garden, while the briar said, "What a mistake he has made! Planting an old briar among such roses and flowers as these!" But the gardener came along once more with a keen-edged knife and made a slit in the briar, and, as they say, "budded it" with a rose, and by-and-by lovely roses were blooming on that old briar. Then the gardener said, "Your beauty is not due to that which came out of you, but that which I put into you."

So it is with the Christian, who, no matter how poor and worthless he may be in himself, yet through the new life given him in

Jesus Christ may bring forth fruit beautiful and well-pleasing in the sight of God.

### Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright  
By faith I see  
In yonder realms of light  
Prepared for me. Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

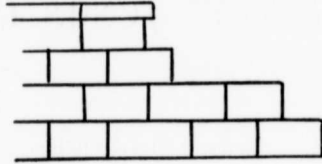
PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. **What does God do for you?** God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

A wall, to be strong and lasting must be built of strong and well-shaped stones.

God is the great Master-builder. Little builders you are, too, and you yourselves are part of His work, and He needs your help in



putting in stones here and there. Your acts and words all go to fill up the little spaces. Take care that no bad stones spoil the building that God has asked you to help Him in making.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WOULD HAVE ME WORSHIP HIM

Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

March 29, 1903

GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the worl'd. —Matt. 28 : 20.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-20.

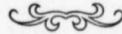
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 57-69.

## Lesson Hymn

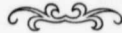
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
 Over life's tempestuous sea ;  
 Unknown waves before me roll,  
 Hiding rock and treacherous shoal ;  
 Chart and compass come from Thee,  
 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me !

As a mother stills her child,  
 Thou canst hush the ocean wild ;  
 Boisterous waves obey Thy will  
 When Thou say'st to them, " Be still !"  
 Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,  
 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me ! Amen.

—Hymn 493, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Jesus is a Living Saviour



LESSON I.	Paul and Silas at Philippi.	Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16 : 31.
LESSON II.	Christian living.	Rejoice in the Lord alway.—Phil 4 : 4.
LESSON III.	Paul at Thessalonica and Berea.	Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.—Psalm 119: 105.
LESSON IV.	Paul's Counsel to the Thessalonians.	Hold fast that which is good.—I. Thess. 5 : 21.
LESSON V.	Paul at Athens.	He preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.—Acts 17 : 18.
LESSON VI.	The Church at Corinth founded.	Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 3 : 11.
LESSON VII.	Christian self-control.	Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace. Rom. 14 : 19.
LESSON VIII.	Christian Love.	Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three ; but the greatest of these is charity.—1 Cor. 13 : 13.
LESSON IX.	Paul and Apollos.	If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?—Luke 11 : 13.
LESSON X.	Paul at Ephesus.	The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.—Acts 19 : 17.
LESSON XI.	The Riot at Ephesus.	The Lord preserveth the faithful.—Ps. 31 : 23.
LESSON XII.	Paul's Message to the Ephesians.	By grace are ye saved through faith.—Eph. 2 : 8.

**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

<p>LESSON I. Paul and Silas at Philippi.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Christian Self-control.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Christian Living.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Christian Love.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Paul at Thessalonica and Berea.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Paul and Apollos.</p>
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<p>LESSON VI. The Church at Corinth Founded.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Paul's Message to the Ephesians.</p>

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