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The Day

By Edna A. Foster

When I wake up and see the sun,
And all the sleeping time is done,
I know another day is here,
And yet to me it seems so queer
That no one sees the day creep in,
Or just how all the hours begin,
Or when day goes when it is night,
With only stars and moon for light!

I'd like to get up once at four,
And watch the shadows on the floor,
And try to see with my own eyes
What is the very shape and size
Of that the grown-ups call a day ;
For what it's like they cannot say.
It must be something no one sees,
That hides in sunshine on the trees,
And steals about through everything,
And makes you want to run and sing.

Who Cares Most for Johnny ?

"Who cares most for Johnny, his mother or his Sunday School teacher? What a question! Nobody in all the world can or will care as much for Johnny as his mother does!

"But wait a moment! Has Johnny's mother given one hour this week to earnest, serious, studious thought for his spiritual welfare? Has she devoted one single hour to the study of the Bible with the sole object of finding out how she may so instil into his expanding heart and mind the great principles of faith and righteousness, that they may mold his character into noble Christian manhood? Has she definitely prayed for Johnny every day? Has she taken the time

and trouble to talk to him concerning the best things in life, or to tell him stories that will awaken high motives and noble impulses? Has she truly studied the problem of his training, bringing to her aid the experience and counsel of experts in child culture?

"If Johnny's mother has done this, he is a very fortunate boy. In years to come he will rise up and call her thrice blessed. She is a wise, faithful and successful mother."

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE :

I am sure you have all been enjoying our beautiful Lesson stories about Jesus the Mighty Worker, and I hope you have tried to be little workers.

This Quarter we are going to think of this Mighty Worker as a BUILDER, building up His kingdom on earth, because He said He did not come to destroy, but to fulfil all the law, and all the prophecies about Himself.

We shall hear Him teaching those who are to help Him to build up His kingdom, and to carry on the work after the Mighty Worker Himself shall have gone back to heaven.

We shall hear how peaceful and happy Jesus' kingdom will be; we shall listen to the Mighty Worker telling how the people of His kingdom should keep the Sabbath day; how they should show others the way to serve Him, and how they may be truly happy. He will tell us how riches may be rightly used and that love, righteousness, truth, worship and obedience will fill the hearts of those who belong to His kingdom. We shall listen to Him as He tries to make His followers more trustful, and we shall see Him forgiving one

who had been sinful and taking her into His kingdom. Then we shall be told of a dreadful evil that keeps many a one out of that kingdom.

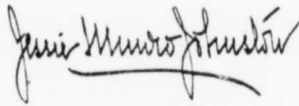
I know you little people, especially the boys, like to build things. You like to use a hammer, so we are going to take a building stone and a hammer as our symbols this Quarter.

The building stone will remind you each Sabbath that boys and girls and men and women who obey the teachings of these Lessons, are the "living stones" that build up Jesus' kingdom on earth. The hammer will remind you that each boy and girl may be a builder—striking the Lesson deep into your own hearts.

"Building, building, every day,
Building by the words we say,
Building by the deeds we do,
Actions ill or pure and true.
Oh, how careful we should be,
Building for eternity."

Ask your teacher to tell you how *you* may help to build up Jesus' kingdom on earth.

Your Friend,



Say No!—to Yourself

He was a little fellow, not three years old. He was very fond of a beautiful plant which stood on the table in his mother's room; but his mother had taught him to let it alone. One day when she was not at home, Laddie went into the room and stood by the table, looking at the plant. I happened to be in the next room, where I could see him; but he did not know that.

As I watched him, I knew what he was thinking, for his face was a little battlefield. The plant was so pretty! It would be so nice just to put his fingers on the soft, tender leaves, to touch the lovely flowers! And he could do it so easily, for no one was there to hinder. But he remembered what his mother had said, and so the battle was on. How I wondered which side would win! After a

little I heard him say: "No, no! Hubert! No, no!" And then he turned away. You see, he fought it out all by himself, unless God helped him. And I am sure God did. God loves to help a child.

Wasn't it a splendid victory? He was learning to master himself. And how did he come to win the fight—a fight that many a man has lost? His dear mother had taught him to say No! to *himself*. If he had learned only to obey her voice, what would have happened when she was not there? But she had done much more than that. She had not stopped with controlling him; she had taught him to control himself. He will thank her all his life for that.

Times are sure to come when nobody is near to say "No!" to you. You must decide for yourself. You must fight the battle with only God to help you. Have you learned to say "No!"—to *yourself*?

"He Knows"

Every little step I take,
My Saviour knows.
Watching near for love's dear sake,
My Saviour knows.

When I sin and disobey,
Or when I forget to pray,
He knows my heart, He knows my way,
Oh, let me please Him day by day!

A Good Night Kiss

By Mrs. H. M. Kipp

A little Galician girl named Eva whose mother was dead, and whose father was in prison, one day was brought to the Mission House at Sifton, Manitoba, to play with the missionary's own little girl, just her age, six years old. She stayed for several days, as there was no one who cared enough about her to give her a home, and one night, when the missionary's little girl was kissing him good night, she crept up to the missionary's wife and said, "I'd like her papa to do that to me." She had never had a loving papa to kiss her good night, and did not know what it meant. But in the home of the missionary

she learned that, through His followers, God shows His love for little children, and when last heard of the little Galician girl was growing up in that Christian home, sharing the love and kindness that made it beautiful and helpful.

Toronto

The Little Famine Refugee

By Rev. J. R. Menzies, M.D.

The church bell had just stopped ringing, and the school boys began to march from the schoolyard into the church. In a steady line they marched, each one a little shorter than the last, till a small bundle of a boy, loaded with a big Testament and a Hymn Book, popped through the gate, making the tail of the procession.

"Who is that little chap?" some one asked, and the answer was, "Why, that is Shu Hai, the famine refugee."

Shu Hai's father was once a banker away off in Chihli province, where he had a comfortable home. He was never wealthy, but at one time the family had three meals a day and could eat bread of white flour; and though the children did not need much in the way of clothing in the summer, when the weather became cold, the mother could manage, by using over again the old clothing and making some new ones, to keep them all warm.

When Shu Hai was born, there was great rejoicing, because there was food enough to feed another mouth. And, anyway, he had not been born a girl, and that was always something to be thankful for. He was a fine, healthy boy, but his face was badly disfigured by a hare-lip. Now, if Shu Hai had been a girl that would have been very bad indeed, for girls all have to be sold when they grow up, and no one would want to buy a girl with a hare-lip. When he was born, the old nurse was very careful not to wash his beautiful black hair, or in fact any other part of him. Chinese, have all, or nearly all, glossy black hair, and it is because they are careful not to wash the color out of it. If foreign mothers were wiser, and did not wash their babies' heads so much, instead of having brown or red hair, they would all have

beautiful black hair too. At least that is what the Chinese mothers say.

But Shu Hai's head was clean shaved, all but two round spots above each ear, and from each spot sprouted a little pig-tail. Later on these were shaved off, and only one round spot was left on the top of his head from which grew his queue.

But hard times came—no more white flour, no three meals a day. Either from drought or floods, crop after crop failed. The bank had to be closed and many people were on the verge of starvation. Shu Hai was only five years old when his family, with many others, left their homes, perhaps never to return, and became famine refugees. Every stick of furniture had been sold to buy food. Even the beds and the bedding were gone, and their clothes were thin and ragged though the weather was cold. People said that, away hundreds of miles to the west, in Shensi province, food was plentiful. So every day there could be seen a long line of famine refugees on the road to Shensi. The old people who could not walk were pushed on wheel-barrows, and the parents carried the very little children. Sometimes people gave them a little food, but food everywhere was scarce. The feet of the children soon became sore and bleeding from walking, as their cloth shoes were worn into holes on the rough roads, and they were so tired and hungry. At night they slept, or tried to sleep, in some temple, huddled together to keep a little warm, with only the cold brick floor beneath them and not even a single quilt to cover them. Then, in the morning, without any breakfast, they began again their weary, weary journey.

But they never reached Shensi. One day they reached Hwaiching Fu. It is a good thing there were missionaries there, for they could not have traveled much farther. Little Shu Hai was very weak, and for some time we feared he could not live. But with proper food and care he recovered, and later on the doctor fixed up his hare-lip, making him fairly good-looking.

One day he appeared in a wonderful costume. One of the ladies had given his mother some clothing to use for his sisters; but the mother had a better plan than that. She just

put in a big tuck in the middle of the article and then we saw Shu Hai strutting about as proud as Solomon in his glory, dressed in a suit of combination underclothes, with a corset cover for a coat.

Shu Hai will not always be at the tail end of things, for he is brave and trustworthy, and will be given a chance to grow up to be the Christian man that the loving Father in heaven intends he shall be.

N. Honan, China

Giving and Loving

Give, little sunbeams, golden bright
Give to the world your cheery light ;
Give little welcome drops of rain,
Till thirsty meadows smile again.
Giving and loving, loving and giving
So, we find the good of living.

Harry's Running-Away

Eight year old Harry said he was going to run away. His mother packed for him a small bundle of clothing and aid. "Well, if you don't like it here and want to go, you may. But I shall miss you, Harry."

The boy went to the door. There he hesitated, but presently started out.

Mother's heart ached. Would he come back? She went to a window. He had reached the gate, and his hand was on the latch. He stopped. He pulled the gate open and stepped out of his own little world. Then, all in an instant, he dropped his bundle, rushed back into the house, and fell, sobbing, into mother's arms.

A Little Uppy-downy

"Come, Clara, let us play 'Come to see,' and you be the visitor," cried little neighbor Madge.

"Yes, let's," said Clara, with a pleased look. "I've a new dress for my little girl Dorinda, and I'll dress her up and bring her with me." Away she ran to put Dorinda into company clothes, to go to call with her doll-mother. Aunt Martha, a visitor in Clara's home, watched the little neighbors playing

happily together and smiled, well pleased. "I am glad to see that my little niece is friendly and agreeable," she said to herself.

The very next afternoon Madge and Clara were together, as they so often were, and Aunt Martha with her sewing sat by the window overlooking the porch where the children had their playthings spread out in the pleasant shade of an overhanging tree.

"Let's put all the dolls to bed with measles," suggested Clara, "and I'll be the nurse from the hospital."

"I'd like to be the nurse this time. You were it last time," said Madge mildly.

"If I can't be nurse, I won't play," pouted Clara, turning away.

"I don't mind. You be nurse," said Madge, her dimples coming out pleasantly. Clara hurried away to adorn herself with a nurse's cap, made of paper, and the play went on. But in a few minutes Clara said, "I'd rather swing; come on."

"I can't to-day," said the little neighbor. "It made my head ache yesterday."

"Then I'll just swing by myself." Clara said, and off she went, leaving Madge to do as she liked—a very impolite thing, as you will all agree. And after that, not one thing would Clara do if Madge proposed it. Aunt Martha looked sober.

As the days passed on, auntie saw how sometimes Clara was bright and good, and sometimes nothing pleased her. You never could tell how it was going to be. One day she said to her, "Did you ever hear of the Uppy-downies, Clara?"

"Never in my life," was the answer. "Do tell me about them."

"They are the queerest little beings you ever knew," said auntie. "Sometimes they climb high and live with the Smiles, and are bright as sunshine. Then, away they go, down, down, and live with the Grumbles. They are never two days alike or in the same place. You never know where or how you will find them, nor just why they change so—now up, now down, these Uppy-downies. I wonder if you would like such playmates?"

"No, indeed," cried Clara.

"I wonder if Madge likes that kind," said auntie. And then Clara looked so queer. I wonder why?—Home and School

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1912

I. SINGING. Hymn 97, Book of Praise.

II. PRAYER.

III. OFFERING. Sing 532, Book of Praise.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passages : For Those Under Six, The Words of Blessing, Matt. 5: 1-12. For Those Under Eleven, The Preciousness of Wisdom, Prov. 3 : 13-18 (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

V. SINGING. Hymn 520, Book of Praise, vs. 3 and 4. (These are the third and fourth verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

VI. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE :

Teacher. Who cares for the flowers and trees ?

Class. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow ; they toil not, neither do they spin : and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you ?

Teacher. Who cares for the birds and bees ?

Class. Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns ; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ?

VII. SINGING :

God sends His bright spring sun to melt the ice and snow ;
To start the green leaf buds and make the flowers grow.

God sends His love to us to make our goodness grow.
Let us be sweet like flowers that in the garden blow.

VIII. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but bits may be picked out of it, and any needed explanation given.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. SINGING. LESSON Hymn. (See each Lesson.)

XI. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS, ETC., AND DISMISS, by repeating together the prayer-verse :

May our thoughts be undefiled,
May our words be true, and mild,
Make us each a holy child :
Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

Lesson I.

MISSIONARY LESSON

April 7, 1912

*Isaiah 2 : 2-4 ; 11 : 1-10. Read Micah 4 : 1-4—†Memory Verses, ch. 2 : 3, 4.

Golden Text—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isaiah 11 : 9.

THE LESSON RETOLD



One of God's good prophets of old was named Isaiah. Often he told the Jews of trouble and punishment that were coming upon them because of their sins, but the news that he told of the coming of a Saviour was good news. One strange thing that Isaiah told also, was that the Saviour's coming would bring peace and blessing, not only to them, but to all the nations of the earth. The Jews had always thought that the Messiah was to be a Saviour to them alone, but God meant Him to be a Saviour of the world—of the black man as well as the white, of the heathen as well as of the Jew—and Isaiah taught this to God's people hundreds of years before Jesus came to earth. After Jesus came, there would be no more quarrelling, no more war ; but this would only be when they had learnt from Jesus all His law of love.

Isaiah went on to say something about Jesus Himself. Although He was the Son of God, He was to come down to earth as one of themselves—a member of the family of David. Yet He was to be not altogether like other men. "For the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him", said Isaiah, "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord"; which meant that Jesus would be filled with wonderful wisdom and knowledge and power. He would not judge as men do, by their eyes and ears, but He would understand men's hearts. He would understand people's sorrow and poverty and weakness, too, although He would punish all who did wickedly.

Still, Jesus' love could change wicked men to good men ; that is, if they gave up their sins and served Him. Isaiah then described the lovely condition of things that shall exist when all men have grown to love and serve Jesus. In that day, the wolf and the lamb shall live together ; and a baby shall play safely beside the nests of snakes, and a little child shall lead about wild beasts, like the leopard and the bear. These things shall be done when wild, evil nations and ignorant heathen peoples have been made pure and sweet and childlike through the power of Jesus' love. Then, said Isaiah, the day will come, when no one will hurt nor destroy another, for the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Isaiah ? 2. What sad things did he sometimes tell the Jews ? 3. What good news did he tell them ? 4. To whom was Jesus to be a Saviour ? 5. What changes would there be after Jesus came ? 6. What would Jesus Himself be like ? 7. What would Jesus' love do for wicked men ? 8. What effect would Jesus' love have upon the wild beasts ? 9. What would sinners and heathen become through the power of Jesus ? 10. How widely would the knowledge of the Lord spread ? 11. What is the Golden Text ?

* The Scripture Passage for the Lesson is omitted on account of the Special Easter Lesson on the next page.

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

Lesson Hymn

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of
Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Revive us again. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I MAY BE A WORKER FOR GOD

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—12. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created? A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, A DEACONESS AMONG THE FOREIGNERS.)—1. What is a deaconess? A deaconess is a Christian woman trained and set apart for special service in a church, mission or charitable institution, her chief aim being to reach and uplift the women and children of the community where she is placed.

EASTER LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15 : 1-11.

After Jesus died and rose again and had gone back to heaven, His followers preached everywhere what He had taught them. There were now more than the twelve apostles whom He had at first chosen. Other men who loved Him became teachers

and preachers. The greatest of these, named Paul, was a man who at one time had hated Christians and persecuted them. But one day as he was journeying on the road, Jesus appeared to him from heaven, and spoke to him; and ever after Paul believed in Christ and did all he could to persuade others to believe.

It seemed to be very hard for some people to believe that Jesus, after He had died, had come back to life again. So Paul preached often about this one subject, showing that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, and because He had risen, so would they also one day rise from the dead. He reminded them of the other people, besides himself, who had seen and spoken to Jesus. Among these were Simon Peter and the other apostles, and the five hundred people on the mountain top who had seen Jesus taken up to heaven; some of these had since died, but most of them were alive and could bear witness to the fact that Jesus had indeed been among them after His death.

"And, last of all", said Paul, "He was seen of me." And then he went on to say very humbly, "I was not worthy to see Jesus, for I am the least of all the apostles, because I once persecuted the church of God; yet God has changed me and made me what I am, and it does not matter what I once was, so long as I now preach the truth, and so long as you believe. So Paul lovingly taught the people that the most important point of all their faith was to believe that Christ rose from the dead.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you copy this Easter Lily remember



that as the lily stem rises from the dark earth so Jesus rose from the grave.

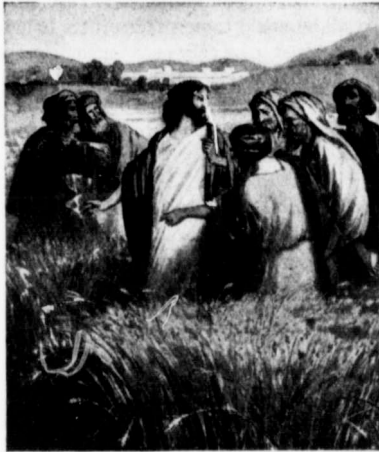
Lesson II.

THE USE OF THE SABBATH

April 14, 1912

Mark 2 : 23 to 3 : 6—Memory Verses, 27, 28.

Golden Text—The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.—Mark 2 : 27.



3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Hero'dians against him, how they might destroy him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It happened one Sabbath day, that Jesus and His disciples were walking through a field of grain ; and the disciples, who were very hungry, plucked some of the grain and ate it.

Now, some of those who were passing by thought it sinful to pluck grain on the Sabbath, and they said angrily to Jesus, "Why are Your disciples doing that which is wrong to do on the Sabbath day ?" "Have you not read in the scriptures", asked Jesus, "how David, when his enemies were chasing him on the Sabbath day, and he was very hungry, took some of the bread from the tabernacle, which was forbidden to any but the priests, and he and his men ate it that they might be strong to escape from their enemies ?" Jesus also said to these fault-finders, who were called Pharisees, that He, the Son of man, was Lord of the Sabbath and knew best how it

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day ; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful ?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what Da'vid did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him ?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abi'athar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him ?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath :

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Ch. 3 : 1 And he entered again into the synagogue ; and there was a man therewhich had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day ; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

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should be used. Besides, He said, "The Sabbath was made to be a help to men, and not a burden to them.

Shortly afterwards, Jesus went into a synagogue or place of worship, and there He saw a man with a withered, useless hand. When the fault-finders who had followed Jesus saw this, they watched eagerly to see if He would heal the man, so that they might again accuse Him of doing wrong. Jesus knew their thoughts and asked them, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, or to do evil, to save a man's life, or to allow it to be lost ?"

The wicked Pharisees could not answer this question, so Jesus, sad because these men had such wicked, unkind hearts, turned to the man with the withered hand and said, "Stretch out thy hand." And when the man obeyed, his helpless arm was made as strong

and well as the other. But the Pharisees, instead of being glad, went away and plotted how to destroy Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the disciples do, one Sabbath, as they walked through the fields? 2. Who were displeased? 3. Why did they find fault? 4. What did they say to Jesus? 5. What bread did David eat when he was hungry? 6. Who is Lord of the Sabbath? 7. For whom did Jesus say, had the Sabbath been made? 8. Where did Jesus go next? 9. Whom did He find there? 10. Who watched to see what Jesus would do? 11. Why did they do this? 12. What question did Jesus ask them? 13. What did Jesus next do? 14. What happened to the man's withered hand? 15. How did the Pharisees feel about this miracle? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Betty May looked down the side street on her way to Sunday School. "I should think," she said, with her head in the air, to little sister Gertrude, "that Mary Mitchell would be ashamed to wheel her new express wagon on Sunday. Such a noise it makes, too!" Mary Mitchell was late for Sunday School. "And I know why she was late", whispered Betty May so that every one heard. "She was playing with her new express wagon in Ward's Lane." "Oh—oh—I wasn't!" burst out Mary, with her eyes full of tears. "Mother sent me down there with some things to eat for the little Simmons—they're all ill; and—and—there were so many things

I just had to take them in the wagon." The teacher put her arm round Mary. "Doing a deed of kindness is one of the very best ways of keeping the Sabbath day", she said comfortingly.

Lesson Hymn

This is the day of light :
 Let there be light to-day ;
 O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
 And chase its gloom away. Amen.
 —Hymn 381, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S DAY

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

The Question on Missions

2. Among what nationalities do our deaconesses in Winnipeg work? The majority of the foreigners among whom our deaconesses work are Europeans. They are chiefly Russian, German, Polish, Ruthenian, Austrian, Hungarian, Jewish, Italian, and Scandinavian.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Will you not try to copy this text printed here? It is the first part of the Fourth Commandment. When you copy it ask God to help you to keep it. Those who keep the Sabbath day holy are great helpers of God, for a well spent Sabbath brings joy to many.

Remember the Sabbath day

Lesson III.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TWELVE

April 21, 1912

Mark 3 : 7-19 ; Matthew 5 : 13-16—Memory Verses, Matthew 5 : 14, 15.

Golden Text—Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit.—John 15 : 16.



7 But Je'sus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea : and a great multitude from Gal'ilee followed him, and from Judæ'a,

8 And from Jeru'salem, and from Idumæ'a, and from beyond Jor'dan ; and they about Tyre and Si'don, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many ; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would : and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils :

16 And Si'mon he surnamed Pe'ter ;

17 And James the son of Zeb'edee, and John the brother of James ; and he surnamed them Boaner'ges, which is, The sons of thunder :

18 And An'drew, and Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew, and Matth'ew, and Thom'as, and James the son of Alphæ'us, and Thaddæ'us, and Si'mon the Ca'naanite,

19 And Ju'das Iscar'iot, which also betrayed him : and they went into an house.

Matt. 5 : 13 Ye are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick ; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus knew that the wicked Pharisees were plotting against Him, He went away with His disciples to the country lying on the shores of the Lake of Galilee. But from Jerusalem and from the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon, great crowds of people came flocking there to Him, to see the wonderful works which He did or to be cured of their diseases. Sometimes, indeed, there were such crowds about Jesus that He was forced to enter one of the little boats on the edge of the lake, and from it He would speak to the people ; and those who were sick or blind or lame, He healed with a word or by His living touch.

Then, one day, Jesus went away alone to a desert place and stayed there all night praying to God. And when it was morning, He called all His followers to Him and from them He chose twelve men, who were to be with Him always as His special friends and disciples.

Jesus first told the listening people plainly, that His followers would be hated in this world for His sake, but that this should only make them glad, because, if they proved faithful, a great reward was waiting for them in heaven. The holy men in the olden times had also been treated in the same way.

And then to these twelve men Jesus gave power to heal sickness and to cast out evil spirits ; they were also to teach the people what He had taught them. The names of these twelve disciples were, Simon Peter and Andrew his brother, James and John the sons of Zebedee, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James and Thaddæus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot. It was Judas who afterwards sold His master for a few pieces of silver.

To His disciples Jesus spoke many wise and loving words. Amongst other things, He said, that, as salt keeps food fresh and fit to

eat, so His true followers would silently help others to be good. They must not keep away from people who have faults, but by being gentle and kind with them, get them to love and obey God. "Ye are the light of the world", said Jesus, "and as a city on a hill or, as a lighted lamp set on a table, shows people where to go, so your good deeds will show the right way to others, and by following that way, they will live so that God shall be honored and praised.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what part of the country did Jesus next go with His disciples?
2. Who came to Him there?
3. Why did they come?
4. What did the crowds sometimes force Jesus to do?
5. Where did Jesus go alone one day?
6. Why did He go?
7. What did Jesus do in the morning?
8. Name any three of Jesus' twelve apostles.
9. What did Jesus give them power to do?
10. What other work were they to do?
11. How were the disciples to be like salt?
12. Why should they let their good deeds be seen?
13. In what way were they to be like a lamp?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Bertram came down the stair very sedately and presented himself at his father's door. "Now, 'll I do?" he asked proudly. His father looked him up and down, from the brim of his felt hat to the shining toes of his new tan boots. "As far as your uniform goes, I should say you were a first class Scout", he answered smiling. "But I know your leader didn't choose you to enter the Review to-day because of your uniform."

"No", said Bertram stoutly, "that didn't count, 'cause that poor little Parker boy who couldn't afford a full uniform was chosen, too. It was the boys who know and keep the Scout Law best that our leader chose to go." "And the boys that their leader has chosen", said his father, "will have to try hard not to disappoint him." "Oh, I'll try", said Bertram firmly, as he marched off.

Lesson Hymn

With a childlike heart of love
At Thy bidding may I move;
Prompt to serve and follow Thee—
Loving Him who first loved me. Amen.
—Hymn 575, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LEARN OF JESUS

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

The Question on Missions

3. What kind of religion have these foreigners? With the exception of the Jews, these foreigners hold some form of the Christian religion; although many, especially those from Russia and Southern Europe, have largely lost sight of its spiritual meaning.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing of Jesus preaching, and remember the things He has said to you.



Matthew 5 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 2-6.

Golden Text—Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.—Matthew 5 : 8.



And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain : and when he was set, his disciples came unto him :

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad : for great is your reward in heaven : for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had chosen His disciples, He gathered them around Him, with the rest of the people who were near, and preached to them on the top of the mountain the wonderful and beautiful sermon which we now call the Sermon on the Mount. As Jesus looked at the faces before Him, He saw very few who were really happy, so He told of eight ways, each beginning with the word "Blessed", in which people could learn to be truly happy and satisfied.

First, the Saviour said they must be "poor in spirit", that is, humble, for only the humble could belong to His kingdom. "And blessed, too, are they that mourn", said Jesus. It is hard to bear trouble, but if one bears it quietly, when God thinks it best to send it, He will bless that person.

And, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." To be meek means to be patient, and not to grow angry when others try to offend us or do us harm. Jesus was often attacked by wicked men, but He bore it meekly and patiently, and those who fol-

low His example shall be the very happiest persons on earth.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be satisfied, or filled." We hunger and thirst after righteousness, when we are as eager to please God as we are to get food when we are hungry or water when thirsty. And if we try to do right as much as this, God will help us, and we shall be satisfied in pleasing Him. "Blessed are the merciful", Jesus went on : "for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers"—those who will not quarrel, and who try to keep others from quarreling : —"for they shall be called the children of God."

Jesus also told His hearers plainly, that they would often be hated and cruelly treated in this world, because they were His followers. But this should only make them glad, for by this they would know that they were His and that at last they would be rewarded in heaven. Even the prophets, He

said, whom God sent in the old times, had been treated in the same way.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus do after He had chosen His disciples? 2. Where did He sit to speak to them? 3. What is the sermon He preached now called? 4. How many ways of finding happiness did He speak about? 5. What did Jesus say about the humble? 6. What would be done for those that mourn? 7. What would the meek receive? 8. What does it mean to be meek? 9. What would be done to those who hungered and thirsted after righteousness? 10. What promise did Jesus make about the merciful? 11. About the pure in heart? 12. What did He say about the peacemakers? 13. What reward would there be for the persecuted? 14. How would Jesus' followers be treated in this world? 15. Who besides had been treated like this? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A number of little children were playing happily on the broad lawn under the spreading trees. "I'm the mother", cried the largest little girl. "There always has to be a mother, and I'm the mother." Black-eyed Ned spoke next. "I'm the father. Nellie and Rob can be the children, but I'll be the father."

Little blue-eyed Mary Belle began to think she was going to be left out of this pretty game altogether. "What am I?" she asked a little wistfully. "There has to

be servants", said the self-selected father and mother. "That's all that's left, I guess, for anybody." "Well", said Mary Belle very sweetly, "I'll be a real nice one then. Somebody has to do something for the rest, and being a servant's just as good as anything, if you do it nicely."

Lesson Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see their God :
The secret of the Lord is theirs ;
Their soul is Christ's abode. Amen.
—Hymn 219, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME HAPPY

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 12-14.

The Question on Missions

4. What is the duty of the deaconess in the homes? She persuades the little ones to attend kindergarten, the older ones to attend the public school; invites them also to Sunday School and clubs; gives instruction, where called for, in housekeeping and in caring for the sick; and procures assistance for the needy.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy this text. It is God's word to all His loving children.

BLESSED ARE YE

Luke 6 : 20-26 ; 16 : 19-31—Memory Verses, ch. 6 : 20, 21.

Golden Text—A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12 : 15.



20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye, poor: for your's is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Ch. 16 : 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Laz'arus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into A'braham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth A'braham afar off, and Laz'arus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father A'braham, have mercy on me, and send Laz'arus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But A'braham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Laz'arus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come in to this place of torment.

29 A'braham saith unto him, They have Mo'ses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father A'braham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mo'ses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the Lesson for to-day, which is still from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke specially about poverty and riches. He told His disciples that they must not long to be rich. Indeed, He said, "Blessed be ye poor". And then He explained this by saying that they would one day possess the kingdom of heaven. Jesus then made other promises of reward to His loving and obedient children. "Blessed are ye that hunger now, for afterwards ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now, for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye when men shall hate you for My sake, for ye shall obtain a great reward in heaven."

Then He said that those who cared only for riches and the sins and pleasures of this life would be punished. "Woe unto you that are rich; you have your pleasures now,

you shall have none in the life to come. Woe unto you that have everything you wish now, for one day you shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now, for you shall yet mourn and weep. Woe unto you when all men praise you, for this is what they did to the false and wicked prophets of old."

Then He told this story: "Once, in the same town, there lived a rich man and a poor sick beggarman named Lazarus; and each day Lazarus' friends carried him to the rich man's gate, so that he might get the food that was left over from his table. The rich man never thought to help him, but the dogs came and licked his sores. At last the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to heaven. He was not poor there; he sat close to Abraham, God's great servant and friend. After

a time the rich man also died, and, because he had been selfish in this life, he went where the wicked go. And in his torment he looked up, and, far off in heaven he saw Abraham, and Lazarus leaning on his bosom. And he cried out, "Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

But Abraham said, "Son, remember, that in your lifetime, you had your good things, and Lazarus only evil; now he is happy and you are in torment. Besides, there is a great gulf between us which no one can cross." Then the rich man said, "If Lazarus cannot come to me, send him at least to my five brothers, that he may tell them to repent and obey God, so that when they die they will not come to this dreadful place. And Abraham said, "They have the scriptures to read, let them learn from them." "But", said the rich man, "if one went back to them from the dead, they will surely repent." But Abraham answered, "If they will not hear what God says to them in His word, they will not believe even if one rose from the dead."

So in this parable Jesus taught a great lesson to those who loved riches and spent their time only in enjoying themselves. They had their pleasures in this life, but they could not have them also in the life to come.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What does Jesus speak about in today's Lesson? 2. What strange thing did Jesus say of the poor? 3. Who else did Jesus say were blessed? 4. Who would be punished? 5. To whom did Jesus say woe would come? 6. About whom did Jesus tell a story? 7. Where did Lazarus go when he died? 8. Where did the rich man go? 9. Why? 10. Whom did he see in heaven? 11. What did he call out? 12. What did Abraham answer? 13. What else did the rich man ask? 14. What did Abraham say to this? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful—
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings—
He made their glowing colors,
He made their shining wings. Amen.
—Hymn 512, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—15. *What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?* A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

The Question on Missions

5. What are the duties of a deaconess in the Institute? In the Institute, the deaconess superintends the housekeeping; sees that the children are clean and properly clothed; conducts a Sunday School, kitchen-garden class and clubs for the children, and a weekly meeting for the mothers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

There is a city bright,
Closed are its gates to sin;
Nought that defileth,
Nought that defileth,
Can ever enter in.

This little verse *to be learned by heart* teaches us that heaven is a place of shining loveliness, and that only those who are good shall be allowed into it. Shall we not ask God to help us to be good, that we may enter into heaven by and by?

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE KIND TO THE POOR

Luke 6 : 27-38 ; Romans 13 : 8-10—Memory Verses, 27, 28.

Golden Text—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Romans 13 : 9.



27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other ; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee ; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye ? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall

be the children of the Highest : for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged ; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned : forgive, and ye shall be forgiven :

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Rom. 13 : 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the wonderful sermon which Jesus preached to His followers on the mountain, He gave them a new law to follow—the law of love. It was the custom among the Jews, when one man injured another, that he should be punished by receiving the same injury in return. There was also a common saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy." But the rule that Jesus gave His disciples was, "Love your enemies." He said, "Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that treat you badly. Also, if any one strike you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If a man take

away your cloak, let him have your coat also. Give to him that asks of you and if any one has borrowed from you, do not beg your goods back again. Just as you would like people to treat you, so do you treat them. For, if you show kindness only to those who are kind to you, that is not enough. Even the worst people in the world do that. And if you lend to people, hoping to receive something from them in return, why should you be praised ? Even wicked men do the same. My disciples", said Jesus, "must be different. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return, and you

shall be called the children of God, and shall be rewarded in heaven."

Jesus also spoke of other ways in which they must be different from the wicked people around them. "Be merciful", He said, "and God will be merciful to you. Do not judge your fellowmen unjustly, and God will not judge you. Do not condemn others unheard, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you shall be forgiven. Give generously to those who need help, and God will give blessings and benefits to you. For as you treat others, so shall you be treated in your turn."

"Do not owe any man", He went on to say, "anything except love, for whoever loves his fellowmen is keeping the whole law of God. For all the Commandments can be summed up in the one sentence, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

This was a wonderful new lesson for Jesus' hearers, for the scribes and Pharisees had twisted and turned God's laws until all their simple meaning had been lost, and the people hardly knew what to do or what to believe. But this new law of Jesus' was so simple that even a child could understand it.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What new law did Jesus give His disciples? 2. What was the custom among the Jews when one man injured another? 3. What was a common saying? 4. Whom did Jesus tell His disciples to love? 5. What were they to do when struck on one cheek? 6. What, if a man took away their cloak? 7. What were they to do when asked for help? 8. How were they always to treat others? 9. Why were they to act in this way? 10. What reward were they to get in return? 11. What would happen if they were merciful? 12. If they did not judge unjustly? 13. If they forgave injury? 14. If they gave generously to others? 15. What only were they to owe other people? 16. In what one sentence could all the Commandments be summed up?

Lesson Hymn

O, what can little hands do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little hands some work may try

To help the poor in misery:

Such grace to mine be given. Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

The Question on Missions

6. What benefit does the foreign child gain from the kindergarten? Through song, lesson and game, the foreign child readily acquires the English language; from bright, attractive surroundings he learns to appreciate law and order; and through contact with sympathetic teachers he forms high ideals.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you *copy* this, remember it is a command of Jesus.

*Love your
enemies*

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE EVERYBODY

Matthew 5 : 17-26—Memory Verses, 17, 18.

Golden Text—He that loveth his neighbour hath fulfilled the law.—Romans 13 : 8.



17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets : I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven : but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the *righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill ; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment :

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment : and whosoever shall say to his brother, Ra'ca, shall be in danger of the council : but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee ;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way ; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him ; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus, after telling His disciples about His new law of love, went on to explain still further the differences between His laws and the false teachings of the scribes and Pharisees. "Do not think", said Jesus, "that I am come to destroy your laws or speak against the prophets. Every word of God's laws which the prophets spoke shall be fulfilled, and God will be very angry with anyone who changes His laws or breaks even one of His commandments or teaches others to do so. But every good and faithful teacher of God's laws will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

"And this is what I have come for", Jesus went on, "to show you what God's laws really mean, and to tell you how to follow them. For if you do not seek to live better and purer lives than the scribes and Pharisees,

you will never enter into the kingdom of heaven."

"Now it is written in your laws", said Jesus, "that if any one kills a person, he will be in danger of being punished. But I tell you, that if he is even angry with another without a good reason, he will be in danger of punishment."

Then Jesus told His hearers that, when they were going up to the temple to worship, they must try to remember whether they had done wrong to any person. If they had, they must first go and get forgiven by that person, for God would not accept their worship, while there was a sin in their hearts for which they were not sorry. After that they might come and worship God.

Also, when they quarreled with any one, they should make friends again quickly, lest

their enemy should give them up to the judge, and the judge should give them to an officer and the officer cast them into prison, for it might be long before they would be free again.

We see in this Lesson how much Jesus wants us to be good and kind and forgiving. If we ask Him to come and dwell in our hearts and help us day by day we shall be able to obey Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What new law did Jesus tell His disciples about ?
2. What did He explain to them ?
3. What did Jesus say He had not come to do ?
4. What would be certainly fulfilled one day ?
5. What would make God angry ?
6. What would the good and faithful teachers of God's laws be called ?
7. What would happen to those who did not live better lives than the scribes and Pharisees ?
8. What had been taught in the old days about killing ?
9. What did Jesus teach ?
10. What were people to think of before they went to worship ?
11. What must they then do ?
12. When would God not accept their worship ?
13. What should they do when they quarreled with any one ?
14. What might happen if they did not do this ?
15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"I just won't forgive Fred", said Enid angrily. "He smashed one of my best butterflies this morning. I won't even let him look at my collection again." Mother did not speak just then ; but, later on, Enid rushed in to the house. "Mother", she cried, "can you ever forgive me ? I pushed against your rose tree on the veranda, and it fell to the floor and broke !"

When the broken rose tree was set up again, Enid said tearfully, "But I can't be happy, mother, till you forgive me." "I wonder if this is the same little girl whose butterfly was crushed this morning, and who—" "Oh, mother", interrupted Enid, "I didn't know Fred would feel so badly if I didn't forgive him. I'm going now to tell him he can look at my collection whenever he wants to." "And then I'll forget all about the rose bush", smiled mother.

Lesson Hymn

Belovèd, let us love ; love is of God,
In God alone hath love its true abode.

Belovèd, let us love ; for they who love—
They only are His sons, born from above.

Belovèd, let us love ; for love is rest,
And he who loveth not abides unblest. Amen.

—Hymn 230, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. **What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us ?** Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

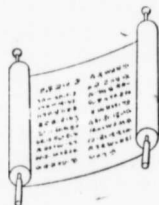
SHORTER CATECHISM—17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind ?* A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

The Question on Missions

7. What is the object of club work ? The object of the Girls' Clubs is to provide recreation ; to instruct the girls in conducting business meetings ; to teach them sewing ; and, above all, to influence them for good. The Kitchen Garden teaches housekeeping.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Long ago the Word of God was written on rolls like this one in the picture. Now it is



printed in books. But it is never in its right place until we have it stored up in our hearts and practise it in our lives. *Copy* the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS

Matthew 5 : 33-37 ; James 3 : 1-12 ; 5 : 12—Memory Verses, 34-36.

¶ **Golden Text**—Putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbour : for we are members one of another.—Ephesians 4 : 25.



33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths :
 34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all ; neither by heaven ; for it is God's throne ;
 35 Nor by the earth ; for it is his footstool : neither by Jerusalem ; for it is the city of the great King.
 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.
 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea ; Nay, nay : for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.
 James 3 : 1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us ; and we turn about their whole body.
 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth !
 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity : so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature ; and it is set on fire of hell.
 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind :
 8 But the tongue can no man tame ; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father ; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter ?
 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries ? either a vine, figs ? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
 Ch. 5 : 12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath : but let your yea be yea ; and your nay, nay ; lest ye fall into condemnation.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus also spoke about truthfulness. The scribes and Pharisees used to dispute as to which was the most binding promise or oath,—one made and sworn to by the temple, or the world, or the sky, and so on. Jesus' answer to all these difficulties was very simple. He said, "I say unto you, swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is God's throne ; nor by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your 'yes' mean yes, and your 'no' mean no. Anything else is wrong."

Years after this, James, one of Jesus' disciples, taught much the same thing. He reminded Christians what a wonderful power the tiny tongue has : if the heart is right, the tongue can do great good ; but if the heart is evil, the tongue can do great harm.

"It is very hard", James said, "to keep

the tongue back from speaking wrongly ; but we ought to try to control it, for, just as the little bit in the horse's mouth turns his whole body, or just as the small rudder makes a great ship move this way or that, as the captain wishes, so the tongue directs us. And just as a little flame may cause a great fire, so a few words from a little tongue may cause a great amount of trouble."

Men can tame all kinds of wild beasts and birds, poisonous serpents, and even fish of the sea ; but the tongue is far harder to tame than any of these. Only the power of Jesus can tame it. "Another strange thing about the tongue", said James, "is, that with the same tongue we praise our Heavenly Father and speak evil against people, although they are made in the likeness of God. This is very wrong ; a fountain does not send forth

fresh water and bitter water. A fig tree cannot bear olive berries, nor can a grape vine bear figs. So the tongue should not say both bad things and good things. It should say only good things."

"But above all", said James, as Jesus also had said on the Mount so long before, "do not swear, either by heaven or earth or any other oath. When you mean 'yes', say 'yes', and when you mean 'no', be brave and say 'no'."

Jesus and James both teach us here that we ought to try to speak only those words which are pure and gentle and true, for God hears us always.

Questions on the Lesson

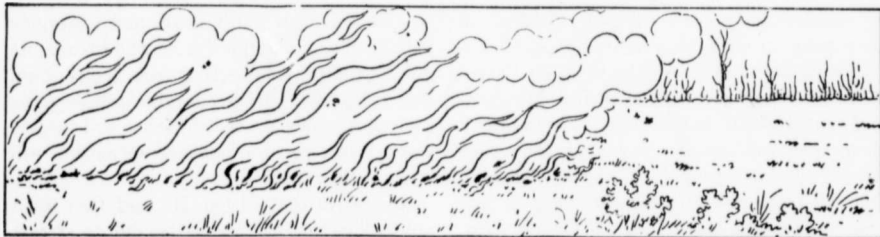
1. What new commandment did Jesus give about swearing? 2. What did He teach His followers about keeping their word? 3. Who taught these same things long after? 4. In what is the tongue like a horse's bit? 5. In what like a ship's rudder? 6. What will a little fire do? 7. Why is the tongue like a fire? 8. What creatures have men been able to tame? 9. Who alone can tame the tongue? 10. What other strange thing does the tongue do? 11. What kind of things only should the tongue speak?

Lesson Story

"I don't fink I'll go in wading 'iss morning", lisped Jean, glancing forlornly down at her bare, pink toes. "But why miss all the fun *this* morning?" asked Mother, in surprise. "Well", explained Jean shrinkingly, "Bob says there's big, black snakes in the water, that sometimes bite little girls' toes—an' I don't fink I'll wade *ever* again."

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color this picture and remember what James says about the tongue as a fire.



Then Mother sought out Bob. He hung his head and looked very much ashamed when she called what he'd said an untruth. "I was just fooling", he blurted out. "I wouldn't call that a *lie*, Mother!" "One untruth is as wrong as another", said Mother, "and my boy should make it a rule in the little things as well as the big, always to speak the truth and nothing but the truth."

Lesson Hymn

Taught to lisp Thy holy praises,
Which on earth Thy children sing,
Both with lips and hearts unfeigned,
May we our thank-offering bring;
Then, with all the saints in heaven,
Join to praise our Lord and King.

Amen.

—Hymn 586, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS SPEAK
THE TRUTH

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—93. Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments? We should ask God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us to keep His Commandments.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 15-17.

The Question on Missions

8. How are the Mothers' Meetings conducted? Mothers of different nationalities are gathered together in a bright room, where they enjoy social intercourse and are taught sewing. Part of the time is devoted to religious exercises.

Matthew 6 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them : else ye have no reward with your Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 6 : 1.



1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them : otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth :

4 That thine alms may be in secret : and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are* : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do* : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them : for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye : Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you :

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance : for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face ;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret : and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus went on, in the Sermon on the Mount, to speak about giving to the poor. Many people in those days gave their gifts in public places, so that others might see them and say how kind and good they were. "These", said Jesus, "have their reward. People speak well of them, and they care more for that than they do for God's approval."

But Jesus' disciples were to do differently. When they give to the poor, they must do it so quietly that no one will see. And when they pray to God, they must not choose a public place, to be seen, like the vain Pharisees ; but they must go to their own rooms and shut the door, so that only God can hear ; then God will answer their prayers. Nor were they, when praying, to repeat over and over again words with no meaning, as the heathen do, who think they will be heard for

this. "Your heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask Him", said Jesus, "and so requires no long prayers."

Then Jesus taught His disciples the simple, short prayer which we now call, The Lord's Prayer. "When you pray to God", said Jesus, "speak to Him as your Father in heaven. Pray that His name may be revered, and His will be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Each day, ask God to give you your daily bread, and to forgive your sins, as you forgive those who sin against you. And pray to be kept from temptation, and from evil. If you forgive people their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you ; but if you will not forgive, neither will your Father forgive you."

Also when they fasted, He said, they must not look sad, as the hypocrites did, to attract

attention ; but they must look as cheerful as at other times, and their heavenly Father would know it. And from Him, one day, they would get their reward.

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what did Jesus go on to speak ?
2. Where did many in those days give to the poor ?
3. Why did they choose these places ?
4. What reward did these receive ?
5. What must Jesus' disciples do when they give to the poor ?
6. Where must they go to pray to God ?
7. Where did the Pharisees love to pray ?
8. What will God do for those who pray to Him in secret ?
9. How do the heathen pray ?
10. What did Jesus say God did not need ?
11. What prayer did Jesus teach His disciples ?
12. Repeat the Lord's Prayer.
13. What must we do if we wish God to forgive our sins ?

Lesson Story

"Auntie gave me two pennies for collection to-day", said Ethel proudly. "None of the rest ever put in more'n one." Harry didn't say that he, also, had two pennies of his own earning. On their way to Sunday School Jimmy Reid came along, but Jimmy's clothes were old and patched, so Ethel ran on ahead. "She wouldn't walk with a raggedy boy", she said. So Harry and Jimmy went along together. Near the church door Jimmy drew back. "Oh, I forgot", he said. "I haven't a cent for collection. Last Sunday I hadn't one either, and the girls laughed——" "I'll give you one of mine", said Harry kindly. "Oh—will you?" cried Jimmy, brightening. And not one of them knew how precious that one penny was ; for the gifts

that please God best are those that have the most unselfishness in them.

Lesson Hymn

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee. Amen.
—Hymn 238, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day THAT I SHOULD BE SINCERE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—94. **What is prayer?** Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness.

95. **To whom should we pray?** We should pray to God only.

SHORTER CATECHISM—18. *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell ?* A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin ; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

The Question on Missions

9. What does the deaconess do to relieve poverty ? To relieve poverty, the deaconess cooperates with other charitable institutions of the city to provide work for the unemployed, and food and clothing for the sick and helpless, aiming, whenever possible, to give permanent relief by helping people to help themselves.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these first words of the Lord's Prayer. Do you know this whole prayer by heart ?

Our Father which art in heaven

Luke 6 : 39-49—Memory Verses, 47-49.

Golden Text—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.—James 1 : 22.



39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind ? shall they not both fall into the ditch ?

40 The disciple is not above his master : but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye ?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye ? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit ; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good ; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil :

for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say ?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like :

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock : and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it : for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth ; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell ; and the ruin of that house was great.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the last part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned His disciples against the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees. They did not know the true meaning of God's laws, and yet they tried to teach them to others. "Can the blind lead the blind?" asked Jesus. "It they try to do so, both shall fall into the ditch."

Jesus then spoke to the scribes and Pharisees themselves. "Why do you see the tiny speck that is in your brother's eye, and do not see the great one in your own?" By which Jesus meant that they were telling others to be good, while they themselves were most sinful of all.

Then, to show His followers how they might always be able to judge between the

true and false teachers, Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. A good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit; neither can a bad tree bring forth good fruit; and it is just as impossible for evil men to serve God as for figs and grapes to grow on thorn bushes or thistles." God wants men to have good hearts, and their lives will also be good.

Then Jesus told this story to them: "There were two men, each of whom built a house. One built his upon a rock. When it was finished, a great storm beat against it. But the rain and wind could not move the rock, and so the house stood firm. The other man built his upon the sand, and when the storm came, the rain washed away the sand from beneath it, and the wind blew against it, and

it tottered and fell." Then Jesus explained that those who listened, and did what He taught them, were like the wise man who built his house on the rock; and those who listened, and would not do as He taught them, were like the foolish man who built his house on the treacherous sand.

At last Jesus finished His wonderful Sermon on the Mount, and all who had heard it were astonished at the things He had taught them, because these things were new.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Against whom did Jesus warn His disciples? 2. Why? 3. To what did Jesus compare the scribes trying to teach His laws? 4. What words did Jesus address to the scribes and Pharisees? 5. What did He mean by His words? 6. How can false teachers be known from true ones? 7. What can a good tree not do? 8. What can a bad tree not do? 9. What can an evil man not do? 10. What parable did Jesus tell His disciples? 11. Whom does the man who built his house on a rock stand for? 12. Whom did the one who built on the sand mean? 13. Repeat the Golden Text.

Lesson Story

Dorothy and Marjory walked home from the missionary meeting together. "Oh dear", sighed Dorothy, "wasn't Doctor Helen Barnard lovely? I'd like to be a missionary just like her when I grow up; then all the little heathen children would love me, and—" "Mother says we can be little missionaries at home", interrupted Marjory gently. "Couldn't you—wouldn't you like to come with me now down to the Paterson's, Dorothy, and amuse the children for a while till poor Mrs. Paterson gets a little rest? That might be a good beginning for your missionary work." Dorothy thought a moment. "Yes, Marjory, I will go with you, and we will be real missionaries now." And away they went merrily together.

Lesson Hymn

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved!
And we must love Him too;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do. Amen.
—Hymn 46, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

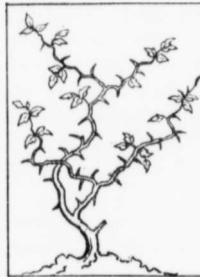
SHORTER CATECHISM—19. *What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?* A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

The Question on Missions

10. What are the chief difficulties of the deaconess among the foreigners? The greatest barrier to the work of the deaconess among the foreigners is that of language. She must also contend with the evil of intemperance. Further, there is the tendency to copy, not the best features of our civilization, but those tending to degrade.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you copy this picture of the thorn bush or bramble bush remember what Jesus said



about certain trees bearing certain kinds of fruit, and pray that you may love Jesus and that so your actions may please God.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD DO ALL THAT
JESUS SAYS

Lesson XI. CHRIST'S WITNESS TO JOHN THE BAPTIST June 16, 1912

Matthew 11 : 2-19—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John : yet he that is but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he.—Luke 7 : 28.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 But what went ye out for to see ? A prophet ? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

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

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

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Eli'as, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation ? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced ; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was going about, preaching and healing the sick, John the Baptist was kept in a prison by wicked King Herod. But, even in his prison, John heard of the wonderful miracles of Jesus, and sent two of his faithful friends to Jesus, to ask Him if He were really the promised Messiah, or was the Messiah still to come.

And Jesus said to them, "Go and tell John all that you have seen and heard of Me, and he can then decide for himself, whether I am the One sent from God. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

So John's friends went back with Jesus' message. And when they had gone, Jesus turned to the people standing near and said, "John was no weak, wavering man bending

this way and that, like the tall reeds by the river ; nor a man dressed in soft, silken robes like the great men of Herod's court. John is the last of the prophets of God. He was sent as a messenger to prepare the way before Me, who am the Messiah. And I tell you", said Jesus, "that no other of the prophets was greater than John the Baptist. Yet, the very least of those who belong to My kingdom is greater than John, because it is better to enter My kingdom, than to tell of its coming."

The common people heard this gladly, for many of them had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees were very angry. Then Jesus said, "The men of to-day are like children that refuse to be pleased, for John came, paying attention to all the customs of the Jews, such as fasting, and they said he was too strict, and would have nothing to do with

him. I came and did not fast, and they say I am a glutton, and a friend of publicans and sinners."

But those whom the Spirit of God had made truly wise, understood that Jesus and John alike were doing and teaching God's will, each in the way God had commanded.

So we see that as Jesus went about from place to place some people got good from Him because they looked for it and some got nothing because they found fault with Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did John the Baptist send to ask Jesus? 2. Where was John shut up? 3. What answer did Jesus send back to him? 4. How did Jesus then speak of John? 5. What did he say John was not like? 6. Whom did he not copy in dress? 7. Who were not greater than John? 8. Who were greater than John? 9. In what way had John offended the Jews? 10. In what had Jesus not pleased them? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I fell off my bicycle coming in from Cowan's, and a man got off his horse and helped me up and brushed me off, and was just as kind as if he knew me, and I never saw him before", Grant told his friend Jim.

"Why! that's my uncle, Colonel Merton", laughed Jim. "Isn't he great?" "But this man didn't look a bit like a soldier, and anyway, a great man like a colonel wouldn't pick up a little boy on a bicycle." "He mightn't *look* like a soldier, but he *is* one", said Jim, stoutly. "He says the only way to be a soldier of the king, is to try to be like what a king should be—and that's not only being brave and great, but it's being kind and good, too."

Lesson Hymn

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Amen.

—Hymn 585, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

The Question on Missions

11. What is being done to encourage temperance among the foreigners? In some cases Temperance Leagues are formed to instruct the children. An effort is made to discourage drinking in the homes. It is believed, that, when proper methods of preparing food are better understood, the drink evil will be lessened.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

These tall reeds which you see in the picture are very easily swayed and bent by the



wind. Jesus wants us to stand true and brave when the winds of temptation blow upon us. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD TRUST JESUS

* Luke 7 : 36-50—Memory Verses, 37, 38 or 47.

Golden Text—Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy 1 : 15.



THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a proud Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to supper. He did this, not because he loved and believed in Jesus, but because he was curious to see and hear the wonderful Teacher and Healer of whom every one was talking.

As Jesus sat at supper in Simon's house, a woman, whom every one knew to be a very sinful woman, came in, and creeping up to where Jesus sat at table, took from under her cloak a little vase of precious perfume, worth a great deal of money, and poured it upon Jesus' feet. Then, weeping with sorrow over her sins, she wiped the tears and the ointment from the Master's feet with her long, beautiful hair. When Simon saw this, he was much displeased, and said to himself that Jesus could be no true Prophet, or He would not have

allowed such a sinful person to touch Him. But Jesus, who knew what Simon was thinking, turned to him and said, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Master, say on", said Simon, proudly. "There was once a certain man", said Jesus, "who had two debtors, one of whom owed him five hundred pence and the other fifty, and when they could not pay him, he freely forgave them both. Tell me now, which of the two would love him most?" "I suppose", said Simon, "the one to whom he forgave most."

"You are right", said Jesus; and pointing to the woman, He went on,—"Simon, you asked Me here as your Guest, yet you gave Me no water for My feet; while this woman, to show her repentance and love, has washed them with her tears and anointed them with precious ointment. You gave Me no kiss when I entered your house, but she, since I entered, has not ceased to kiss My feet. Wherefore, I tell you that, because of her great love, her many sins are forgiven; but he who thinks he has not much need of forgiveness, has little love." Then turning to the woman, Jesus said tenderly, "Your sins are forgiven; your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who invited Jesus to supper?
2. Who came in while they were at table?
3. What gift had she brought for Jesus?
4. How did she show her sorrow and repentance?
5. With what did she wipe Jesus' feet?
6. What did Simon think when he saw this?
7. What story did Jesus tell Simon?
8. Which debtor did Simon say would love most?
9. How did Jesus rebuke Simon?
10. What did He say to the woman?

Lesson Story

Uncle Fred was coming on the noon train, and Doris and Jack were going to meet him. When Doris was dressed, off she rushed to get Jeff the terrier ready too. "I—don't—believe Uncle will be very glad to see Doris", ventured Jack to his mother. "Why not, dear?" she asked. "Oh, 'cause, don't you remember last time he was here, she broke one of his telescopes and then tried to blame it on Jeff?" "Yes, I remember", said

* The Scripture Passage is omitted on account of the space required for the Temperance Lesson.

mother. "But Doris was very sorry afterwards, and went and told Uncle all about it, and he quite forgave her, and I'm sure he loves her more than ever now."

"I guess Uncle is just like you, then, mother", said Jack. "He forgets the naughty things we do sometimes, if we're really, truly sorry and try not to do them again."

Lesson Hymn

Little deeds of kindness,
 Little words of love,
 Make our earth an Eden,
 Like the heaven above. Amen.
 —Hymn 531, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 18-20.

The Question on Missions

12. Does the work of the deaconess pay? It does. On the foreign mothers and children depends largely the future of our country. And if Canada is to take her place as a great Christian nation, doing her share to evangelize the world, it is imperative that the homes of these foreigners be reached.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



As you copy this picture of a beautiful

vase, offer the perfume of your love to Jesus. He will be pleased with it.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL FORGIVE ME

TEMPERANCE LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Ephesians 5 : 11-21.

The Apostle Paul lived for a long time in the heathen city of Ephesus, and many of the people were persuaded by him to give up their idols and their wicked ways, and to worship and serve God. Paul then went to other cities, to teach the people in them also to know Christ. But he did not forget his friends in Ephesus, and soon after wrote them a long letter filled with good advice and telling them how they should live if they would be true followers of Jesus Christ.

He reminded them, that before they had learned about God, they had done wicked things, but now that they knew what was right, and had become God's children, they must give up all evil thoughts and deeds, any talking or jesting about impure things, and any evil habits they might have learned. In this way they would show themselves to be true children of God, and teach others by their example to be the same.

"But", Paul warned them, "now that you have the light, see that you are very careful lest you again fall back into evil ways. There are wicked people all around you, who will try to tempt you to go to places where you should not go, and do things you should not do. But turn away from them, for your time here on earth is short, and it should be spent, not in sinful pleasures, but in doing all the good you can to those among whom you live.

"So, be wise, and try to understand and do just the things that you know God would approve of. And do not drink wine, for it takes away people's senses, and then they do wicked things that they would not do if they were sober. But talk often among yourselves about holy things, and sing psalms and hymns of praise, and give thanks often to God, in Jesus' name, for all His goodness to you. So you will be kept from evil."

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

June 30, 1912

Golden Text—I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.—Matthew 5 : 17.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 81-101. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 12-20. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—520, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

The Very Words of Jesus

Every Lesson of the Quarter except the first has words that were spoken by Jesus.

In Lesson I. Isaiah the prophet tells us what kind of words Jesus would speak when He should come among men. He would speak wise, kind, helpful and pure words.

Lesson II. contains wise words of our Lord about the Sabbath day. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath", said He. This Lesson also tells us of helpful words our Lord spoke to a sick man whom He healed.

"Ye are the salt of the earth", are words that Lesson III. says Jesus uttered to His disciples. He also said, "Ye are the light of the world." We should try to be like salt to keep other people sweet, and like light to lead them in the right way.

Almost all of Lesson IV. is made up of lovely words of Jesus. The word "Blessed" is at the beginning of nine very beautiful sayings of His. Can you repeat these?

There is a wonderful story in Lesson V. Jesus told it to set people thinking about the best things in life. He wants us to love kindness and goodness and not money.

Lesson VI. gives us Jesus' words about loving our enemies. The Golden Rule is among these words,—“As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”

The words of Jesus in Lesson VII. are about the law of God. He said of the law, "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." This is the Golden Text for to-day. Let us repeat it.

Jesus in Lesson VIII. tells us to speak the truth and not to swear or use strong language. "Swear not at all", He said. We should try to be pure and kind in our speech.

Lesson IX. contains the words of Jesus about the sin of making believe that we are good, when we are not good. God sees us just as we are, and we should try to live to please Him first of all. The Lord's Prayer is in this Lesson. Let us all rise and offer it now to God.

Jesus loved to use stories in His teaching, and in Lesson X. we have another story about two men who built houses. One built on the sand, the other built on the rock. Which house stood the storm?

In Lesson XI. we read the kind words which Jesus spoke about John the Baptist. He sent a message to John in prison to cheer Him.

Lesson XII. tells us how Jesus comforted a woman who was sorry for her sins and who showed her sorrow by her actions. "Thy sins are forgiven", He said to her.

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life ;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life ;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life—
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life. Amen.*

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should hear and obey Jesus

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. Missionary Lesson.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Old Law and the New Life.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Use of the Sabbath.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Truthfulness.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Appointment of the Twelve.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Hypocrisy and Sincerity.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Beatitudes.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Hearing and Doing.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Poverty and Riches.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Christ's Witness to John the Baptist.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. The Law of Love.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Penitent Woman.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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

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