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The Heart of a Child

How should the heart of a little one be ?
As pure as the lily that blooms on the lea,
As clear as the dews from the heavens that fall,
As true as the mirror that hangs on the wall,
As fresh as the fountain, as gay as the lark
That thrills out in song twixt the day and the dark ;
As glad as the angels, when soaring they fly
On the bright wings of love to their home in the sky.

When to Start Teaching

By Rae Furlands

It happened in a strictly orthodox home. Little Mary, a child of four years ran to the door one beautiful spring morning. The gladness and glory of it seemed to enter her very soul. She looked around and spontaneously, yet reverently, said, "Good morning, God." Her father and mother were shocked, pained. To think that their darling, the baby of the large family, should be guilty of sacrilege.

The event made a deep impression on Mary's eldest sister, and years afterwards when she was a wife and the mother of two small children, she told me of it. She said the more she thought of it the more it seemed to her to be true worship ; and that she hoped her own babies might early learn to feel God's presence in the beauty surrounding them.

As we chatted away together, her youngest baby, who was barely six months old, dropped a woollen ball, with which he had been playing. I mechanically picked it up, handed it to baby and went on with the

conversation. "Pardon me," said his mother, "but please wait a minute until he says 'Thank you.'" I looked at her in amazement, wondering what recognition a baby like that could make. "If you will look at him," she continued, "he will look up into your face and blink his eyes."

Sure enough, he did.

"Girlie does it also even though she is learning to speak, but I did not begin to teach her so early in life as I did babe. I want them to keep it up, for I do like to see children look straight at people when they thank them for anything."

Just think of it, mothers ! six months old, only six months and capable of acknowledging something done for it.

When do these babies begin to learn ?

If we only knew exactly when to start teaching obedience, reverence, gratefulness and all the other virtues, many more children might be kept to the right path. But then it so easy to think *our* children will never do this, that or the other wrong thing, until some day they surprise us by doing it.

There is only one safe way and that is to begin at the very beginning.

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The Good-Night Angel

The good-night angel comes at eve
Across the quiet hills,
And tucks the sleepy blossoms in
Beside the meadow rills.
On uplands wide each drowsy bird
He cradles in its nest,
And in the dewy valley far
Rocks the wild winds to rest.

He pauses in his gracious guise
 Where little children play,
 And blesses each before he speeds
 Upon his kindly way.
 And ere he passes back to heaven,
 Beyond the sunset bars,
 To watch the babies, birds and buds
 For lamps he lights the stars.

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. Do you know the name of this New Year? When we say it is the year 1913, we mean that it is nineteen hundred and thirteen years since Jesus came to the world. We have been hearing in our Lessons of last year what a Mighty Worker He was! What a Hero! What a Saviour!

God made the world a great many hundred years before He sent Jesus to live in it. We are going to hear about God making the world and all things in it.

When the world was ready, God made people to live in this beautiful home.

Our Lesson stories for this new year tell us about the WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD and the way in which He taught and trained and punished and rewarded the people whom He had made.

The sad part of it all is that Satan so soon got into their hearts. The first man and woman disobeyed God, and one of their sons killed his young brother. People soon became so wicked that God sent a great, great flood to destroy everything on the earth—except one good man Noah and his family. We shall hear the wonderful story of Noah and the ark, and the rainbow promise and many more of your old favorite Bible stories.

We shall see Abram, chosen by God to become the father of a great nation which were to be God's especial people to whom He gave the beautiful land of Canaan for a home, and of whom Jesus was to be born.

In spite of God's kindness to them we shall hear how some of the people became doers of wicked deeds, and how God was obliged to destroy the wicked city of Sodom and all the people in it.

We shall hear how Abraham trusted and served God, and how God kept His promise to him and blessed and helped the members of his family.

As we listen to these stories we shall learn to trust the same God that the people of long ago trusted and found to be the only true God.

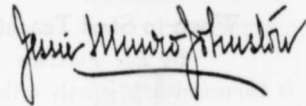
May He help us each one to be His true loving, obedient, happy children!

As the New Years come and go may you

GROW
 REAT
 OOD
 OD-FEARING
 IRLS and BOYS

Will you each get mother or sister to help you to make a book of 12 pages of paper fastened together? Print on it GOD'S WONDERFUL WORKS. Your teacher will tell you each Sunday what to put on the page to help you to remember the Lesson for that day. You may bring these books on Review Sunday and see who will have the best book.

Your friend,



Saying Prayers in Persia

Persian boys and girls need not say their prayers till they are seven years old. Sometimes they begin sooner, but that is considered unnecessarily good. They are not to be beaten for not saying them till they are ten, and I have not seen many children under ten years old saying their prayers.

We cannot remember learning to pray, for as soon as we could understand anything about God, we were taught to ask Him to take care of us, to ask Him to forgive us when we were naughty, and to help us to be good, to thank Him for His kindness and His gifts. It is so simple that a child of three or four can come to God in this way; we need not wait till we are seven to bring simple petitions to our heavenly Father.

But little Ghulam Husain's prayers are far from simple. He has first to learn to

wash his face, hands and arms, and feet and legs. "That does not need much teaching," you say. "He can surely wash himself at that age." But there is a right and a wrong way of washing in Persia before prayers. There is a right and a wrong side of your face to wash first, there is a right and a wrong hand, and a right and a wrong foot to wash first. No soap is wanted, just plain water, or, if there is no water, sand. So our little Ghulam Husain learns his washings, and now he is ready to learn the prayers themselves, which are all in Arabic, so that he does not understand them.

He is shown the direction of Mecca (their sacred city), to which he must always turn when saying them, and he is taught when to stand, when to kneel, when to bow himself till his forehead touches the ground, and when to make various gestures.

And when he has learnt all this, he is ready to begin saying his prayers correctly, and with the right movements, he believes they will be pleasing to God, and count as good works.

He must say them three times a day, and he cannot choose his time. When the prayer-call sounds from the mosque roofs, and is taken up by people on the house roofs, he must leave what he is doing, and wash and say his prayer.—the same prayers every time, at dawn, at noon, and at sunset.

A Brave Little Boy

Harry Parks and his mother lived in a small house on the edge of a piece of woods away out in the country. There were neighbors in sight, but it was a lonely place, and Harry was a timid little boy. His school was the other side of the woods on a cross road, and when Harry went through the woods morning and evening, he ran all the way. He couldn't tell why he was afraid; there were no wild beasts in the woods, but still his heart was wild with all sorts of fearful thoughts.

One dark, rainy night in March, when the wind was blowing a gale, Harry heard his mother calling him in a strange, hoarse voice. He answered her, but she did not speak again,

but he could hear her groan as if in great pain, and cough terribly.

Now Harry was only a little boy eight years old, but he had been used to helping his mother in many ways; so he jumped out of bed and ran into her room to find out what was the matter.

"Are you sick, mama?" he asked anxiously, going close to the bed on which his mother lay, tossing and groaning with pain and fever.

"Yes, dear, very sick," she managed to say. "If I can't have help I'm afraid I shall die."

"What shall I do, mama?" eagerly asked the little boy. "How can I help you?"

"I must have a doctor," said his sick mother. "Do you think, Harry, you can go for Dr. Carson? He's the nearest. Will you be afraid to go, son?"

Harry hesitated just a minute, but one look at his dear mother decided him. "Yes, I'll be afraid, but I'll go just the same, mama," he said and he hurried on his clothes just as fast as he could.

It would have been some comfort if he could have had a lantern, but there was not such a thing in the house. You see he had to go right through the woods, for Dr. Carson lived just beyond the school-house on the edge of the village, and it was one o'clock in the morning! It was very dark, but Harry knew the way so well, he could have gone with his eyes shut, and never had he run so fast through the woods as he did that night, and never was he so afraid. But he got the doctor in time to save his mother's life, and what did all the fears amount to, anyway, now he had overcome them?

"I'm afraid, but I'll go anyway," that was when the brave spirit spoke, and that is the kind of courage of which soldiers and great men are made. "Trust in God and do the right." That was Harry's motto.—*Child's Gem*

Paying the Pupils

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

The teacher in a mission school in Central Africa, counted the curly and black-headed pupils before him one morning.

"One, two, three. . . ten. . . twelve, thirteen."
"I wonder where the other twenty are," he said to himself.

For some months the attendance had been very good, and each of the boys had made some progress at "working book" or "speaking from book." To-day the teacher had less than half his usual class, and those present were the smaller ones, who had lately been coaxed to attend.

To get a boy to begin school, it was necessary for the teacher to give presents of colored beads and buttons and short lengths of brass wire. In some cases these rewards were demanded by the boy's father, who then became responsible for his son's punctual attendance. Many of the absent ones had been secured in this way, and the missionary teacher was puzzled to know the reason for his small school.

But he went to work upon the scholars that had come. Putting a jar of syrup, with a long stick in it, upon his table, he promised to give a lick of the syrup-covered stick to every boy who would repeat his alphabet correctly.

Several of them earned the taste of syrup, and then the teacher began to question the pupils about things he had taught them the day before.

Most of the answers he got showed that he had been talking to very heedless children on the day before. One boy, however, answered fairly well, and so the teacher asked him some more questions. But with a yawn, and a stretch of his bare arms, the boy said, "My teeth are tired, I can't answer any more."

As the school was singing a hymn, before going at some new work, a crowd of men entered and sat down on the floor, as is the custom of the Africans. The teacher saw that now he was going to learn why so many boys were absent from their places, for these big men were the fathers of the missing pupils.

One of the men acted as spokesman for the group. "You build new school over there?" said he pointing to where the carpenters from England were at work upon the mission buildings.

"Yes," replied the missionary.

"You pay men build the school?" asked the big African, as all the others eagerly listened.

"Oh, yes," said the missionary, thinking that the men would be grateful for what was being done for their village, "oh! yes, I am paying the carpenters a lot of money for building the school."

Then came a pause, during which the visitors looked at each other and made signs. The spokesman resumed: "You want our boys to come to school?"

"Yes," said the missionary eagerly.

"They make school better when they come?"

"They do," was the reply.

"Then you must pay our boys to come, or they not come any more," and up the men got and went out.

Three weeks went by. The older boys of the village had not come back to school, because the teacher would not pay them to learn. He had explained to them, when he could get near them, that going to school was a benefit, "No, no," they had said, "school like prison, hard work to go school."

Well, at the end of the three weeks, the older boys came in a body to the school, and asked if the teacher was going to pay them as he paid the builders across the way.

The teacher had it on his tongue to say, "No," and end the bothersome matter, but just then a happy idea came to him, and he said, "I will not pay you to come and learn, but I will pay you older boys, if you will come and teach the younger ones, and help me in that way."

This suited the boys, who began as monitors, and the missionary thanked God that He had put it into his mind to employ the boys as helpers, for, in order to be good helpers they began to be eager learners.

Toronto

A Child's Grace

Dear heav'nly Father, kind and good,
We thank Thee for our daily food.

Oh! may the strength it gives us be
Used ev'ry day in serving Thee.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1913

I. RECITE TOGETHER IN WHISPER :

"The Holy Spirit cometh like the fair and heavenly dove,
To make me pure and gentle, and meek and full of love."

THEN ALL OUT LOUD : John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him.

II. SING. Hymn 511, Book of Praise.

God is always near me,

Hearing what I say,

Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,

All my work and play.

God is always near me ;

In the darkest night

He can see me just the same

As by mid-day light.

God is always near me,

Though so young and small ;

Not a look, or word, or thought,

But God knows it all. Amen.

III. PRAYER :

"Gentle Saviour, God of love, hear us from Thy throne above,
While we meet to praise Thee here in our Sunday School so dear.
May the lessons taught to-day find us ready to obey ;
Make us what we ought to be ; lead the little lambs to thee."

IV. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those Under Six, The Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6 : 9-13. For Those Under Eleven, The King of Glory, Psalm 24. (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.)

VI. OFFERING. Sing :

"Small are the gifts that we can bring ;

But Thou hast taught us, Lord,

If given for the Saviour's sake,

They lose not their reward."

VII. RECITE GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER.

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 512, Book of Praise, vs. 1-3. (These are the first three 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.)

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN. (See each Lesson.)

XI. RECITATION :

Teacher. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ;

Class. And cause His face to shine upon us.

XII. DISMISSAL.

Lesson I.

THE CREATION

January 5, 1913

Genesis 1 : 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 21, 25, 27, 31. Study Genesis 1 : 1 to 2 : 3—*Memory Verse, 27.

Golden Text—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Genesis 1 : 1.

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void ; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light : and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good : and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament : and it was so.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear : and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth ; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas : and God saw that *it was* good.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself,

after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

16 And God made two great lights ; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night : *he made* the stars also.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind : and God saw that *it was* good.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once there was no beautiful world such as we live in now ; it was a dark and dreary place with no people or animals or even grass upon it. But God lived in heaven even then—for there was never a time when there was no God—and out of nothing He made all things.

He said first, "Let there be light," and the thick blackness rolled away, the light came, and God called the light, Day ; and when the darkness came again to stay for a little while, He called it Night.

On the second day, God made the clouds and the sky above them, which He called

heaven, and on the third day He said, "Let all the waters on the earth be gathered together into separate places" ; so the seas and the lakes and the rivers were formed and the dry land appeared. And God called the dry land earth. And again God spoke and things grew out of the bare ground—soft, green grass, beautiful flowers, grain and vegetables and small and great trees.

Then God placed the great bright sun in the sky to shine by day, and the moon to lighten the world at night, and He covered the sky with sparkling stars. All this was done on the fourth day.

*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

But still there were no living things on the earth ; so God, on the fifth day made these also. He spoke and the waters were filled with fish, more than could be counted of all sorts and sizes, from the very smallest up to great whales. God made birds too, to fly in the air and to swim in the water ; and the next day He made the animals, the wild beasts of the forest, and the cattle that are useful to men, as well as creeping things and flying things—all different and all with some good use.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who lived before anything was made ?
2. Out of what did He make all things ?
3. What was the world like at first ?
4. What did God make on the first day ?
5. What did He call the light ?
6. What, the darkness ?
7. What was made on the second day ?
8. What happened to the waters and the land on the third day ?
9. What did God command to grow on the earth ?
10. What was placed in the sky on the fourth day ?
11. What were the first living creatures God made ?
12. What were the next ?
13. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Dorrie went with her little friend Nell to visit her uncle's studio one day. "He's a sculptor, you know," Nell explained, "and makes the most beautiful figures that people pay hundreds of dollars for." Dorrie looked round the studio rather awed, when she went in. The beautiful figures were all there—pure white marble ones and soft grey ones that were just the color of clay.

"That," said Nell, pointing to a great box full of what looked like sticky mud, "is what uncle makes his figures from." "Oh,

no," Dorrie said, unbelievably. But Nell's uncle soon showed them it was true. He took a lump of nasty looking mud and softly and gently pressed it into shape, a punch here and a touch there till suddenly he smilingly held it out to them—a laughing baby's face. Dorrie and Nell laughed too. "Guess it's all in knowing how to do it," they cried admiringly.

Lesson Hymn

God, who made the earth,
The air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth,
Careth for me. Amen.

—Hymn 509, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD MADE ALL THINGS

The Catechism

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

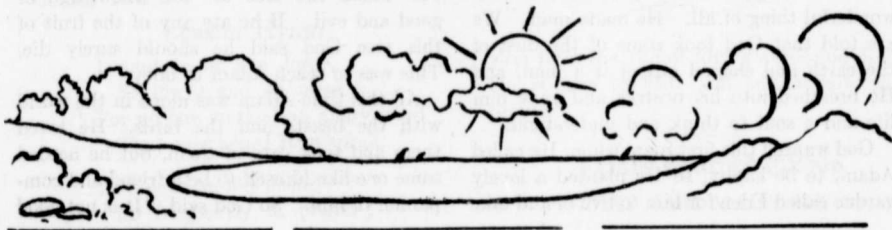
SHORTER CATECHISM—39. *What is the duty which God requireth of man ?* A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience ?* A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, DAVID LIVINGSTONE, AND AFRICA.) 1. **Who was David Livingstone ?** He was a great Christian missionary, physician and explorer, who spent thirty-three toilsome years in Africa, and did more to open it up and help its people than any other one man.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy or color the drawing, and remember that God has given us the beautiful sun.



Lesson II.

MAN THE CROWN OF CREATION

January 12, 1913

Genesis 1 : 26, 27 ; 2 : 7-9, 15-24. Study Genesis 1 : 26, 27 ; 2 : 4-25 ; Psalm 8—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—God created man in his own image.—Genesis 1 : 27.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness : and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

Ch. 2 : 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life ; and man became a living soul.

8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in E'den ; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food ; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of E'den to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou

mayest freely eat : 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it : for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. 18 And the Lord God said, *It is not good that man should be alone ; I will make him an help meet for him.* 19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air ; and brought *them* unto Ad'am to see what he would call them : and whatsoever Ad'am called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. 20 And Ad'am gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field ; but for Ad'am there was not found an help meet for him. 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Ad'am, and he slept : and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof : 22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Ad'am said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh : she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.* 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife : and they shall be one flesh.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The wonderful world which God had made was now finished, but there was no one to enjoy its beauties—its seas and lakes and rivers, its grass and trees and flowers, its sun by day, its moon and stars by night and its wonderful living creatures.

So at last God made the greatest and most wonderful thing of all. He made man. We are told that God took some of the dust of the earth and shaped out of it a man, and He breathed into his nostrils and gave him life and a soul to think and understand.

God wanted this first man, whom He called Adam, to be happy, so He planted a lovely garden called Eden for him to live in and take

care of. There was a beautiful river in the garden, soft green grass, bright flowers and many trees that were pleasant to look upon, as well as some which bore fruit to eat. God told Adam that he might eat freely of the fruit of any tree in the garden but one. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If he ate any of the fruit of this tree God said he should surely die. This was to teach Adam to obey.

All this time Adam was alone in the world with the beasts and the birds. He loved them and took care of them, but he needed some one like himself to be a friend and companion to him. So God said, "It is not good

for man to live alone. I will make a companion for him." And He caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, and while he slept, God took a bone out of his side and made of it a lovely woman to be a wife and friend to him. And the woman was called Eve.

And God told Adam and Eve that He gave them power and dominion over all the living creatures He had made. He had also provided food for them in the herbs and fruit and growing things of the earth, as well as food for the beasts and fish and fowls.

So on the sixth day, God finished making the world—the earth and the sky and every thing that lives in them; and God saw that everything was good, and on the seventh day He rested from His labors and made nothing more. So God blessed the seventh day and set it apart for a holy day of rest to be kept and remembered by His people always as the Sabbath of the Lord their God. This is why we still cease from work on the Sabbath day, that we may have time to worship God and give thanks to Him for all His blessings.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the most wonderful thing God made? 2. When did He make man? 3. How did God make man? 4. What name did God give this first man? 5. What place did God give Adam to live in? 6. What was the garden of Eden like? 7. What was the one tree whose fruit was not to be eaten? 8. What would be the punishment if he did eat it? 9. What great need had Adam in the garden? 10. Whom did God make to be with Adam? 11. How did God make the woman? 12. What was the woman called? 13. Who was given rule over the lower animals? 14. What was given to man for food? 15. What did God do on the seventh day? 16. For what did He set apart that day? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I want to be like Jesus,
So lowly and so meek;
For no one marked an angry word
That ever heard Him speak.

I want to be like Jesus,
So frequently in prayer;

Alone upon the mountain top
He met His Father there. Amen.

—Hymn 525, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. **42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?** A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

The Question on Missions

2. Where and when was David Livingstone born? He was born at the quiet little village of Plantyre in the county of Lanarkshire, Scotland, on March 19, 1813, that is, almost one hundred years ago. The house in which he was born is still standing.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the leaves and fruit and trunk of this tree, and ask Jesus to help you to show in



your lives the fruit of loving words and deeds. He is sure to hear you and answer your prayer.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD MADE ME

Lesson III.

MAN'S FIRST SIN

January 19, 1913

Genesis 3 : 1-12, 22-24. Study Genesis, ch. 3—Memory Verses, 22, 23.

Golden Text—Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin.—John 8 : 34.

to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil : and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever :

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of E'den to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man ; and he placed at the east of the garden of E'den Cher'ubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Adam and Eve were very happy in the beautiful garden which God had made for them, and every evening when the sun had set and it began to grow dark and cool God came to the garden and walked and talked with them.

But one day Eve was alone in the garden, and she came near the tree the fruit of which God had warned them not to eat. Beside the tree was a serpent, which had come into the garden to try to tempt the man and the woman to do wrong. "Why do you not eat some of the fruit of this beautiful tree?" he asked. "We may eat the fruit of every other tree in the garden," Eve replied, "but God has forbidden us to eat of this one, and if we do we shall surely die."

The serpent told her this was not true. "You shall not die," he said. "The fruit of the tree will only make you wise, so that you will be able to distinguish between good and

evil." Then Eve looked at the fruit, and it seemed so good that she thought what the serpent said must be true. At last she put out her hand and picked some of it and ate it, and then she gave some to Adam and he also ate it.

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the servant, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden :

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die :

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her ; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked ; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day : and Ad'am and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Ad'am, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the gardens, and I was afraid, because I was naked ; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest

me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil : and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever :

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of E'den to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man ; and he placed at the east of the garden of E'den Cher'ubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

God was very angry at this and said to the serpent, "Because thou hast done this, thou

and thy kind shall crawl upon the earth all your days, and men shall hate you and try to kill you and you shall be accursed forever."

At the same time God promised that one day He would send one who would undo the harm done by the serpent. This one was the Lord Jesus Christ, His Son, who afterwards came into the world and died that the sins of men might be forgiven.

And Adam and Eve God punished by sending them out of the garden where they had been so happy, and at the gate He placed an angel with a flaming sword in his hand which turned every way so that they could never come back again into the beautiful place.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came and walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the garden?
2. Who came into the garden to tempt them to do wrong?
3. What question did he ask Eve?
4. What did Eve answer?
5. What did the serpent say the fruit would do?
6. What did Eve then do?
7. To whom did she give some of the fruit?
8. What did they do when they heard God come into the garden?
9. What did God ask?
10. What did Adam reply?
11. What excuse did Eve make?
12. What did God say to the serpent?
13. How were Adam and Eve punished?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Matty looked longingly at the little round box. "You must never try to open it," Grandmother had told her. But Matty did so want to see what was inside it. Surely it couldn't hurt it—it was so small. She picked it up and turned the cover very cautiously, when suddenly the lid came off and Matty was enveloped in a blinding cloud of something that got into her eyes, nose and mouth, making her shriek with pain. Grandmother came rushing in. "Oh Matty! and I told you not to touch it!" She tried to wipe the smarting stuff out of poor Matty's eyes. "Disobedience, you know," she told her, "always brings its own punishment."

Lesson Hymn

Goodness I have none to plead,
Sinfulness in all I see;
I can only bring my need:
God be merciful to me!

Broken heart and downcast eyes
Dare not lift themselves to Thee;
Yet Thou canst interpret sighs:
God be merciful to me! Amen.

—Hymn 164, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

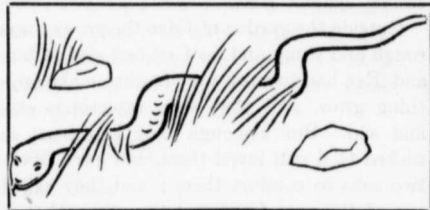
SHORTER CATECHISM—43. What is the preface to the ten commandments? A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

The Question on Missions

3. Was Livingstone's early life an easy one? No, his parents were poor, and when he was ten years old, he was put to work in a factory. But he went to night school and studied at home, and became a good Latin scholar at sixteen.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

It would be very dreadful if a serpent gliding through the grass should bite us with its poisonous fangs. But there is something far



worse than a serpent's bite. It is sin. We should hate sin more than anything else in the world. For nothing else can harm us so much. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NOT YIELD TO SIN

Genesis 4 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.—I John 3 : 15.



1 And Ad'am knew Eve his wife ; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother A'bel. And A'bel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And A'bel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto A'bel and to his offering :

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall* be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with A'bel his brother : and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against A'bel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is A'bel thy brother? And he said, I know not : *Am* I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand ;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength ; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is

greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth ; and from thy face shall I be hid ; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth ; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden He told them that they must now toil early and late to till the ground so that they would have food to eat, but the saddest thing He told them was that all men after them must die because they had thus sinned against Him.

Outside the garden of Eden the ground was rough and stony and, as God had said, Adam and Eve had to work very hard to make anything grow, and they were sometimes sick and sad. But although they had been so wicked God still loved them, and gave them two sons to comfort them ; and they called one of the sons Cain and the other Abel.

When the boys grew up, Abel became a keeper of sheep, while Cain was a farmer and cultivated the ground. One day each of them brought a present to God of what they had. Cain brought some of the grain and fruit he had grown, and Abel an offering of sheep from his flock. Abel brought his gift

gladly ; so God was pleased with it, but He was not pleased with Cain's because he had brought it unwillingly. That made Cain very angry, and he went about with a dark, sullen face.

Then God spoke to him. "Why are you angry?" He said. "If you do right and try to please Me, your offering will be accepted. You should not allow jealous and angry thoughts to remain in your heart, lest they become too strong for you to conquer."

But Cain nursed his wicked feelings till one day, when they were alone in the fields, he struck his brother to the ground and killed him. Then God called to Cain again—not lovingly and sorrowfully—but sternly. "Where is thy brother, Abel?" He asked. And Cain sinned again ; he told a lie. "I do not know," he said. "Why should I take care of my brother?"

And God was angry with Cain and told him He would punish him by making him a

wanderer on the earth till he died, and all his days would be filled with toil and sorrow. That frightened Cain. "My punishment is greater than I can bear!" he cried. He was not sorry for his sin, nor did he ask God's forgiveness; he was only afraid of being killed by people who should find out what he had done. But God was merciful and set a mark upon Cain lest any one should kill him. And he went away from his home and lived in the land of Nod, to the east of the garden of Eden.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did God punish Adam and Eve for their disobedience? 2. How did He show He still loved them? 3. What were the names of their two sons? 4. What was the occupation of each? 5. What did Cain bring to the Lord as an offering? 6. What did Abel bring? 7. With which offering was God pleased? 8. Why? 9. What feeling sprang up in Cain's heart? 10. What did God say to Cain about his anger? 11. What dreadful thing did Cain do one day? 12. Who asked him about Abel? 13. What did Cain answer? 14. What did God then say to him? 15. What complaint did Cain make? 16. How did God protect Cain? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Tommy had built a most beautiful sand castle. It had high towers and a wall and a gateway. "Now I'll go and get Father to take a picture of it with his camera," he said. "Oh, wait, wait, let me see it first," cried little sister Belle, running up eagerly. And then—Belle's little foot slipped, and she fell, smash! right on the beautiful castle that had cost so much time and labor.

The anger in Tommy's heart welled up hotly and he struck out blindly with the shovel he held, and little sister Belle gave one wild scream and lay quite still and white. "Oh, Daddy, Daddy, I didn't mean to kill her," Tommy sobbed when his father reached the spot. Father lifted the little bleeding head up tenderly, and Belle opened her eyes. "See, Tommy," said Father, "you didn't kill her—but you might have. Anger makes people do very wicked things sometimes, if they don't keep a tight rein on it."

Lesson Hymn

Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver,
Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river
That refreshes all the land.
Grant us then the grace of giving
With a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living
We may consecrate to Thee. Amen.
—Hymn 428, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I MUST NOT ENVY

The Catechism

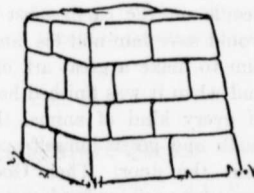
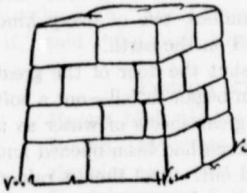
PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What can God do? God can do all that He wishes to do.
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 39-43.

The Question on Missions

4. When did Livingstone begin to serve God? When he was a boy of twelve he began to seek God and joined a Missionary Union. At twenty he gave largely to missions. At twenty-three he decided to be a missionary; and after spending four years in training he went to Africa.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color these two altars like those on which Cain and Abel offered their gifts to God. To Him we, too, should bring our gifts, and the gift He asks first is our heart. This is a gift which the youngest can bring to our heavenly Father. And if we love Him, we shall very gladly do what He bids us do.



Lesson V.

THE FLOOD

February 2, 1913

Genesis 6 : 9-12 ; 7 : 11-24. Study Genesis 6 : 9-22 ; 7 : 11-24—Memory Verses, ch. 7 : 12-14.

Golden Text—The wages of sin is death ; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 6 : 23.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth ; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail ; and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man :

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven ; and they were destroyed from the earth ; and No'ah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

9 These are the generations of No'ah : No'ah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and No'ah walked with God.

10 And No'ah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt ; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Ch. 7 : 11 In the six hundredth year of No'ah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day entered No'ah, and Shem, and Ham, and Ja'pheth, the sons of No'ah, and No'ah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark ;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto No'ah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him : and the Lord shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth ; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth ; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Many hundred years had passed since God made the world, and it was now filled with people. But they were not good : they forgot God and did so many evil things that God said, "I will destroy all these people with a great flood because of their wickedness."

But there was one man named Noah, who still loved and served God. He had a wife and three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, and God told him that although all the bad people on the earth must be punished He would save him and his family. So He told him to make a great ark or vessel of wood, and when it was finished he was to take two of every kind of animal that lived on the earth and go in himself and his family and shut the door. Then God would send a great long rain or flood upon the earth and all

the bad people would be drowned, but Noah and his family and the animals in the ark would be saved.

It must have seemed strange to Noah to build that great boat on dry land while the sky was bright and there was no sign of rain. But Noah trusted and obeyed God, and so he was saved when the day of flood came.

At last the ark was finished, and Noah did as God had said and took with him into it, besides his wife and his three sons and their wives and families, two of every kind of animal that lived on the earth.

Then the Lord shut the door of the great ark. Soon the rain began to fall—not a soft summer rain, but great sheets of water as if the windows of heaven had been opened and it had been poured out. And thus it rained for forty long days and nights till even the

high mountain tops were covered, and every living thing left on the earth, the cattle and beasts and fowls as well as all the wicked people, were drowned; only Noah and his family remained safe inside the ark. And there they stayed while the great flood lasted for one hundred and fifty days, nearly five months.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was God angry with the people in the world? 2. What did He say He would do? 3. Who was Noah? 4. Why was he to be saved? 5. What did God tell him to make? 6. Whom was Noah to take into the ark with him? 7. What would happen then? 8. What did Noah do when the ark was finished? 9. What happened after the door was shut? 10. How did the rain come down? 11. How long did it rain? 12. What happened to every living thing on the earth? 13. Who only was saved? 14. How long did the flood last? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"If two little girls are very, very good all day when I'm away," said Aunt Jane, before she started out for town, "I'll take them both over to Grandmother's for tea; but remember, if only one is good, only one will go." And then she drove off with old Jerry.

"She wouldn't take only one, I know," said Polly to Marjory, "so if I want to be bad to-day, I just will be, so there!" "Oh, Polly," objected Marjory, "and she's so good to us." "Don't care," said Polly, rebelliously; and she *was* bad all day, so bad that it wouldn't do to tell you all the things she did. Aunt Jane heard all about them, though, when she came home, from an angry Bridget and Jake the hired man. "I'm so sorry," said Aunt Jane, "for now of course I can only take Marjory over to Grandmother's." "And I thought she didn't mean it," said Polly sadly when they had gone.

Lesson Hymn

Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High!
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast!

Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair,
And enjoy it ever there. Amen.

—Hymn 389, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—44. *What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?*

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

The Question on Missions

5. What men besides Livingstone explored Africa? Captain Speke spent ten years (1854-1864) in Africa, doing a great work. Sir Samuel Baker discovered Lake Albert Nyanza in 1864. Henry M. Stanley searched for Livingstone and found him in 1871.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a drawing to *color*. It was a dove like this which brought back a branch of



olive to Noah, to make him know that the waters of the flood were lessening. The dove was God's messenger, and we, also, can be His messengers, speaking to others words of love and cheer.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD PUNISHES THE WICKED

Lesson VI.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

February 9, 1913

Genesis 9 : 8-17. Study Genesis 8 : 1 to 9 : 17—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.—Genesis 9 : 13.



no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud ; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto No'ah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

All the time the flood lasted, the great ark carrying Noah and his family and the different animals floated safely on the water, until at last it rested upon a high mountain called Ararat. Then God caused a wind to blow, and the waters dried up until the tops of the mountains appeared.

When Noah knew the rain was over, he opened the window, and out of it he let fly a raven, thinking it would come back again if it could find no place to alight. But the raven never returned. Then Noah sent out a dove. Doves cannot fly as long as ravens can, and Noah knew if she did not find anywhere to rest she would come back and he would know that the waters still covered the earth. The dove found no place to rest or food to eat and soon returned to the ark.

After seven days Noah sent the dove out again. This time when she returned, she bore in her beak an olive leaf which showed

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you ;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you ; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you ; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood ; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant, which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations :

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud :

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh ; and the waters shall

Noah that the tops of the trees were now showing. Seven days more passed, and once more the dove was sent out, but this time she did not return, so Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looking out saw that at last the earth was dry.

Then God called to Noah to come out of the ark ; so he and his family opened the door and with all the animals came out once more into the bright sunshine. And at once, with grateful hearts they built an altar and offered up sacrifices and thanks to God for His goodness in saving them all from death.

God afterwards spoke to Noah and made a covenant or agreement with him. He said that if Noah and his children and his children's children would worship and serve Him only, they should increase and be blessed and possess the whole world. The fish of the sea and the fowls of the air and the beasts of the

earth were given them for food, and God promised never again to destroy the world by another flood. And as a sign of this, God set a beautiful rainbow in the sky, that when they saw it they would remember His promise to take care of them always and keep them safe from harm.

After a rain storm we can still see the many colored rainbow in the sky, which is a sign to us also that God has never forgotten His promise and will save us, too, from harm.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the ark rest when the flood was over? 2. What did Noah do to find out if the earth was dry? 3. Did the raven return? 4. What bird was sent next? 5. How often was it sent out? 6. What did it bring back the second time? 7. What happened the third time? 8. What did Noah then do? 9. What did God call to him to do? 10. What did they all do when they came out? 11. What covenant did God make with Noah? 12. What was the sign of the covenant? 13. What were people to know when they saw it? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Florry was a very little girl, just eight years old; yet she was crossing the great big ocean in the great big ship of which her father was the captain. One night a sudden squall struck the ship, and the noise and confusion of the wind and the waves woke all the people on board, as well as Florry.

"What's the matter?" she cried. "Oh, it's a storm, a terrible storm, and we're all

going to be drowned," wailed her nurse, who had never crossed the ocean before. "Is Father on deck?" asked Florry. "Yes, yes." "Well then, we needn't be afraid. Father'll take care of things." And then she dropped off to sleep feeling quite safe.

Lesson Hymn

Fountain of mercy, God of love,
How rich Thy bounties are!
The rolling seasons, as they move,
Proclaim Thy constant care. Amen.
—Hymn 482, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD LOVES GOOD MEN

The Catechism

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

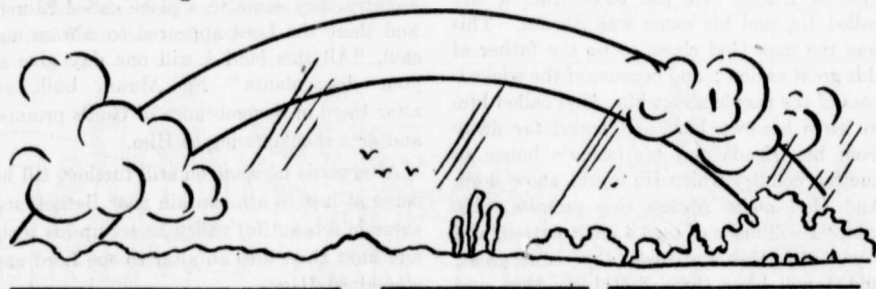
SHORTER CATECHISM—45. Which is the first commandment? A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 46. What is required in the first commandment? A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

The Question on Missions

6. What kind of people did these explorers find in Africa? Very cruel and ignorant people, who believed many false and foolish things. They were very unclean in their habits, and sold their children and young people into slavery. Before Livingstone went to Africa, 70,000 slaves were bought and sold every year.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Try to remember all the lovely colors of the rainbow, and put them into the drawing. The rainbow is a sign of God's faithfulness.



Lesson VII.

THE CALL OF ABRAM

February 16, 1913

Genesis 12 : 1-9.—Memory Verses, 1-3.

Golden Text—I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and be thou a blessing.—
Genesis 12 : 2.



and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth'-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth'-el on the west, and Ha'i on the east : and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9 And A'bram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

1 Now the Lord had said unto A'bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee :

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and thou shalt be a blessing :

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee : and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So A'bram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him ; and Lot went with him : and A'bram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'an.

5 And A'bram took Sar'ai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'an ; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan ; and into the land of Ca'naan they came.

6 And A'bram passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, unto the plain of Mo'reh. And the Ca'naanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the Lord appeared unto A'bram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land :

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the flood Noah and his sons lived on for many years, and the sons had a great many children and these children had still more children until the earth was once again filled with people. But, as before, many of them were wicked and did not worship or serve God. So God said, "I will set apart a nation by themselves which will serve and worship Me only."

Now, there was one good man living in the land of Haran. He had come from a city called Ur, and his name was Abram. This was the man God chose to be the father of this great nation ; and because of the wickedness of the people about him, God called him to leave his own land and travel far away from his friends and his father's house to another country which He would show him. And God made Abram this promise. He said, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and I will bless them that bless thee and

punish them that hate thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

Abram had faith in God's words, and although he was an old man, seventy-five years of age, he left his home willingly to go wherever God should lead him. So Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his nephew and his servants and flocks and all his possessions and started on his journey to the land of Canaan. As they passed through the country they came to a place called Moreh, and there the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "All this land I will one day give to your descendants." So Abram built an altar there in remembrance of God's promise and as a thankoffering to Him.

Afterwards he went on still further, till he came at last to a mountain near Bethel, and there in a beautiful valley he set up his tents and built there also an altar to the Lord and worshiped Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What became of Noah and his sons after the flood? 2. What kind of people were most of these? 3. What did God decide to do? 4. What was the name of a good man who lived in Haran? 5. What did God choose him to be? 6. Where did God call him to go? 7. What promise did God make to Abram? 8. Why did Abram go when God called him? 9. Who went with him on his journey? 10. What did they take with them? 11. Who appeared to Abram at Moreh? 12. What did God there tell him? 13. How did Abram show his thanks? 14. Where did Abram finally settle? 15. What did he do after his tents were pitched? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dickey and Ned were lost out in the blinding snowstorm on the prairie, and they could not see more than a few feet in front of them. Then they came to a fence. "Uncle's!" cried Dickey, joyfully. But they'd followed the fence for miles, it seemed, and hadn't yet come to a gate or an outlet. They shouted, oh, how they shouted, till all at once came back an answering cry and out of the storm towered the figure of Big John, their uncle's hired man. "Just catch hold of me, kids, and we'll soon be at home," he ordered. "But we've been following the fence and never been anywhere," objected Ned. "Oh, but I won't miss the way," said Big John, "because I've got a rope tied to me that'll lead us all straight to the house. You just trust me." So they pushed into

the storm following their guide, and he and the rope did lead them straight home.

Lesson Hymn

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,
Going each with staff in hand?
We are going on a journey,
Going at our King's command;
Over hills and plains and valleys,
We are going to His palace,
Going to the better land. Amen.
—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD OBEY GOD

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—47. *What is forbidden in the first commandment?* A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

The Question on Missions

7. What were the results of the work done by these explorers in Africa? The sympathy of Christian lands was roused, slavery was checked, ships sailed up the rivers and lakes to do business and the gospel was preached in many places by earnest and good men.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and remember that we are on a journey to a better land, with God as our Protector and Guide.



Lesson VIII.

ABRAM AND LOT

February 23, 1913

Genesis 13 : 1-12. Study Genesis 13 : 1-18—Memory Verse, 8.

Golden Text—The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow therewith.—Proverbs 10 : 22.



1 And A'bram went up out of E'gypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And A'bram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth'-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bet'a'-el and Ha'i ;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first : and there A'bram called on the name of the Lord.

5 And Lot also, which went with A'bram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together : for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of A'bram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle and the Ca'naanite and the Periz'ite dwelled then in the land.

8 And A'bram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee ? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me : if *thou wilt* take the left hand, then I will go to the right ; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jor'dan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sod'om and Gomor'rah *even* as the garden of the Lord, like the land of E'gypt, as thou comest unto Zo'ar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jor'dan ; and Lot journeyed east : and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 A'bram dwelled in the land of Ca'naan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sod'om.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Abram settled down to live in Canaan, a terrible famine came upon the land. So Abram took his wife and his nephew Lot and his servants and all his possessions and went to live in the land of Egypt till the famine was over, when he returned again to Canaan.

Now Abram was very rich, and besides gold and silver had many flocks and herds ; so they traveled by slow easy stages, till they came at last to Bethel where Abram had built the altar to the Lord, and there he praised God for his safe return.

Now Abram's nephew Lot had also a great many flocks and herds, and it was soon found that there was not enough pasture for both, and their herdmen began to fight as to who

should have the best ground and the most convenient wells.

Abram was grieved when he saw this, and said to Lot, "It is not right that the servants of us who are kinsmen should quarrel in this way. It would be better for us to separate and each go different ways. See, now, the whole of this rich and fertile land is before us to choose from ; take whichever part of it you wish. If you would rather go to the right hand, then I will go to the left, and if you take the left, then I will go to the right."

Then Lot looked about him on every side, and when he saw how much more beautiful than all the rest the plain of Jordan was, being "fair as a garden of the Lord," he selfishly chose the whole of the plain as his

portion. So Abram and Lot separated, and Lot took his flocks and herds and all his possessions and settled in the plain of the Jordan near the city of Sodom, although he knew it to be a very evil and wicked place.

Abram was not jealous or angry, however, because Lot had chosen for himself what seemed to be the best part of the land, and settled himself down to live happily with his wife and servants and flocks beside the mountains.

After Lot had gone, the Lord appeared to Abram and told him that one day the whole land, as far as he could see, would belong to his descendants, who would be as many as the dust of the earth for multitude.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Abram leave the land of Canaan? 2. Where did he go? 3. Where did he come back to? 4. What possessions had Abram? 5. Why did the herdmen of Abram and Lot quarrel? 6. What offer did Abram make to Lot? 7. Which part of the country did Lot choose? 8. Where did Lot finally settle? 9. What sort of city was Sodom? 10. What did the Lord promise Abram? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Uncle Robert put his hands behind his back, then held them out to Bob. "You choose first, whichever one you like," he said. What made it hard was that one was a great big rosy apple, and the other, a small withered one, and that Jamsie was standing by, and whichever one he didn't take Jamsie would get. The big apple was beautiful. Bob's mouth fairly watered at the sight of it, but he reached out and took the little withered one. "Give Jamsie the other one," he said. "Good boy!" cried Uncle Bob. "That was hardly fair of me, though; so here's one apiece of the big ones;" and he handed them out.

Lesson Hymn

Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack:

His wisdom ever waketh,

His sight is never dim:

He knows the way He taketh,

And I will walk with Him. Amen.

—Hymn 193, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

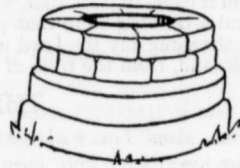
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 44-47.

The Question on Missions

8. What was the difference between Livingstone's work and the work of these explorers? Livingstone would not consent to go simply as an explorer, but as a missionary. Exploration took only a second place with him; it was the chief work with the others. He wanted to make Africa Christian.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In hot Eastern countries wells are very highly prized. The clear, cool water is so pleasant to men and beasts. Now Jesus tells



us that the water from a deep, ever-flowing well is a picture of the blessings which He is willing to give us. *Copy* the drawing, and ask Jesus for His great gifts.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NOT BE GREEDY

Lesson IX.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

March 2, 1913

Genesis 15 : 5-18. Study Genesis, chs. 15 ; 17 : 1-8—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—He is faithful that promised.—Hebrews 10 : 23.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them : and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the Lord ; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I *am* the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chal'dees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it ?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst ; and laid each piece one against another : but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, A'bram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon A'bram ; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto A'bram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a

land *that is not their's*, and shall serve them ; and they shall afflict them four hundred years ;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge : and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace ; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again : for the iniquity of the Am'orites *is not yet full*.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the Lord made a covenant with A'bram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of E'gypt unto the great river, the river Euphra'tes.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Some time after Lot had settled near Sodom, four kings who were enemies came with their armies to fight against the city. And they took it and carried away captive the people who lived in it and all their possessions. Among those who were carried away were Lot and his family, who were thus punished for having chosen to live near such a wicked place.

When Abram heard what had happened he armed a great band of his servants and followed hard after the armies of the four kings. At night he came upon them suddenly and frightened them so that they fled away leaving most of their captives and spoils behind them. So Abram brought back all the people of Sodom and their belongings, as well as Lot, in safety.

The king of Sodom felt very grateful to Abram for this, and told him he might take all the spoil as his reward. But Abram refused to take even a thread lest the king would one day boast that it was he who had made Abram rich. Afterwards Abram began to be afraid lest perhaps the kings he had fought would return to punish him. But the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Fear not, Abram, I will shield thee from all harm and will greatly reward thee."

"But, Lord," said Abram, "why shouldst Thou give me more possessions, seeing that I have no son to inherit my riches after me." Then God brought Abram out into the night and said, "Just as thou canst not count the stars in the sky, so shalt thou not be able to

count all the descendants that I shall give thee." And although Abram was an old man and had still not even one child, he believed what the Lord said. And God told him that He had brought him away from his home in Ur so that he and his children might inherit this beautiful land of Canaan forever.

And Abram prayed to God to give him a sign whereby he would know this. Now, when the people of that time entered into an agreement of any kind with each other, they went through a strange ceremony. They took certain animals and birds such as cows, sheep and pigeons, and dividing the bodies lengthwise, set the pieces opposite each other on the ground. Then the two who were making the agreement walked along the passage between, and after they had done this neither would ever break his word to the other. It was in this way that God made His covenant with Abram.

Afterwards Abram slept, and dreamed that he was in horrible black darkness. And God said to him, "Thy children shall not always live in this land. For four hundred years they shall be slaves in a far-off country, but when the right time comes, I will bring them back again in safety, carrying with them great possessions."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What happened after Lot settled near Sodom?
2. What did Abram do?
3. Of what was he afterwards afraid?
4. What did God say to him?
5. What was Abram's reply?
6. How did Abram receive God's promise?
7. What further promise did God make?
8. For what did Abram ask?
9. What sign did God give him?
10. Where

did He say Abram's descendants would be taken? 11. How long were they to stay there? 12. What promise was given about Abram's own future? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Though our hearts are depraved,
 Though with sin we are burdened,
 Our souls may be saved,
 And our sins may be pardoned;
 And Jesus, our Saviour,
 Hath promised to bless us,
 And free us forever
 From those that oppress us. Amen.
 —Hymn 546, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—48. *What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?* A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

The Question on Missions

9. What is the present population of Africa? About 127,000,000, mostly Mohammedans and heathen. There are 2,729 missionaries, and 15,016 native preachers and teachers at work, and there are 378,561 Protestant church members.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these beautiful words, and remember that we can trust with all our hearts every promise that God has made.

He is faithful that promised

THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM— TEMPERANCE LESSON

March 9, 1913

Genesis 19 : 12-17, 23-29. Study Genesis 19 : 1-3, 12-29—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing.—2 Corinthians 6 : 17.



12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides ? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place :

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord ; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place ; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here ; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters ; the Lord being merciful unto him ; and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life ; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain ; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zo'ar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sod'om and upon Gomor'rah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven ;

25 And he overbrow those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground,

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 And A'braham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord :

28 And he looked toward Sol'om and Gomor'rah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered A'braham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Lot and his family had been rescued by Abraham from the four kings who had carried them off they went to live in the heathen city of Sodom. And one evening as Lot sat in the gateway of the city he saw two strangers come walking by. They were two angels, but Lot did not know this, and as all Eastern people are kind to travelers, he invited them into his house. The strangers at first refused, saying they would spend the night in the street ; but Lot persisted and they went with him.

But before they lay down at night some of the wild young men of Sodom came clamoring at Lot's door asking that the mysterious strangers should be delivered up to them. Lot refused, and when the young men tried to break in the door the angels struck the young men with blindness so that they were forced to return home.

Afterwards the angels revealed to Lot who they were. "Have you any other sons or

daughters in the city?" they asked. "If you have, go and get them and take them out of this wicked place, for the Lord has sent us to destroy it." So Lot hurried out to the houses of the men who had married his daughters and besought them to leave the city before it was destroyed. But his sons-in-law only laughed at him.

So in the morning the angels said, "Take thy wife and thy two daughters who are here and hasten away at once from the city." And as Lot hesitated the angels seized them all by the hands and hurried them out of the gates. "Run for your lives," they cried, "and escape to the mountains lest you be burnt up, and do not once look behind you."

Now there was a little city named Zoar in the plain near Sodom. "Let us go to Zoar," Lot pleaded, "instead of up to those lonely mountains where some evil may befall us." And the Lord was kind to Lot and promised for his sake not to destroy the city of Zoar.

So Lot and his daughters hurried on towards Zoar, but his wife turned back to look regretfully at the wicked city they had left, and she died there because of her disobedience and was turned into a pillar of salt.

Then the Lord rained down fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah and burnt up those wicked cities and all the people in them, and only Lot and his two daughters were saved alive.

But Lot lost his wife and his other daughters and all that he had because he had deliberately chosen to live in a wicked city and among evil friends and companions.

Questions on the Lesson

1. In what city did Lot settle? 2. Whom did he meet one evening? 3. What invitation did he give the angels? 4. What did they tell Lot they had come to do? 5. What did they warn Lot to do? 6. How did his sons-in-law receive Lot's news? 7. What did the angels command Lot in the morning? 8. How did the angels urge them on? 9. Where did they tell them to flee? 10. What did Lot beg? 11. Did the angels agree? 12. What happened to Lot's wife? 13. Why? 14. What then became of Sodom and Gomorrah? 15. Why had this trouble come upon Lot? 16. What is the G. Text?

Lesson Story

Leonard and his cousin Don, who was visiting him in his father's construction camp, were building a beautiful trestle of their own. Suddenly a shout from the working gang rang out. "A blast! a blast!" cried Leonard. "Come on, Don!" "Wait till I finish this," Don objected. "You haven't time; come on, come on!" He seized the reluctant Don's hand and raced him off as fast as he could. As they reached a place of safety a dull roar shook the earth. When the smoke of the blast was over, Leonard said, "Now look, Don." And Don's face grew quite white when he saw a huge piece of rock lying right where their trestle had been. "Being near dynamite teaches you to run pretty quick when you're told to," said Leonard.

Lesson Hymn

Thine forever! Saviour keep
Us, Thy frail and trembling sheep;

Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

—Hymn 412, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

The Question on Missions

10. What is Africa's greatest need? The direct teaching of Jesus Christ, and the example of sincere Christian living. Ignorance and cruelty and idolatry are very common. Missionaries tell of seeing African children cut all over their bodies to "let out the pain" they suffered.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God's angels protect and guide us as really as they protected and guided Lot. *Color*



the drawing with the brightest and most beautiful colors you can find.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM
WICKED PEOPLE

Lesson XI.

THE TEST OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH

March 16, 1913

Genesis 22 : 1-13. Study Genesis 22 : 1-19—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—I desire mercy, and not sacrifice ; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.—Hosea 6 : 6.



1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt A'braham, and said unto him, A'braham : and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son I'saac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mori'ah ; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And A'braham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and I'saac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day A'braham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And A'braham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass ; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And A'braham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon I'saac his son ; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife ; and they went both of them together.

7 And I'saac spake unto A'braham his father, and said, My father : and he said, Here *am I*, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood : but where is the lamb for a burnt offering ?

8 And A'braham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering : so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of ; and A'braham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound I'saac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And A'braham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, A'braham, A'braham : and he said, Here *am I*.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And A'braham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns : and A'braham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last God's promise to Abraham came true, and he had a son whom he called Isaac. And Abraham loved the boy very dearly because he was the son of his old age.

We have heard that Abel offered up a lamb to God and that God was pleased with him for offering it. Noah also offered burnt offerings when he came out of the ark, and Abraham himself had built three altars in the land of Canaan and offered sacrifices upon them all.

But one day God spoke to Abraham and said, "Take now thy son whom thou lovest

and go into the land of Moriah, and on one of the mountains there which I will show thee offer him up to Me for a sacrifice." Abraham's heart was very sad, but he knew that he should always obey God and that God must have some good reason for telling him to do such a hard thing. So, early one morning, he saddled an ass, and taking two of his young men and Isaac, with wood for the sacrifice, he set out for the mountain of Moriah.

It was three days before they reached it. Then Abraham told the young men to remain

at the bottom while he and Isaac went up farther to worship; so these two went up alone, carrying the wood and the fire to light it, and a knife. Isaac did not know what God had commanded his father to do, so as they walked along he said, "Father, here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the offering?" "My son," said Abraham, "God Himself will provide a lamb."

At last they came to the place which God had spoken of, and there Abraham built the altar and laid the wood upon it, and then took hold of the knife to offer up Isaac. But suddenly the Lord's voice called to him from heaven and told him not to kill his son. He had shown his obedience and faith in being willing to do the hard thing that God had commanded, and now God would bless him and his children for ever and ever. Just then Abraham saw a lamb caught fast in the bushes beside him, and knowing that God had sent it he offered it up to Him on the altar with thanksgiving, and then, with hearts full of joy, he and Isaac went down the mountain again.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Abraham call the son God gave him? 2. What hard thing did God tell Abraham one day to do? 3. Why did Abraham obey? 4. Whom and what did Abraham take on his journey? 5. How long did it take to reach the place? 6. What were the young men told to do? 7. What questions did Isaac ask going up the mountain? 8. What was Abraham's answer? 9. What happened when Abraham lifted the knife to slay Isaac? 10. What did God say Abraham had shown? 11. What reward would he get? 12. What sacrifice was provided for Abraham? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I do so want that hot bun for tea," said hungry little Mary, "and a cent couldn't do the heathen any good." But when the missionary plate came round, she dropped the precious cent in. And the cent bought a little tract and went to far-away India, where it fell into the hands of a man who was so interested in what it said that he came to the missionaries again and again to find out more

about the Jesus of the tract, till at last he became a Christian. Then he brought others to Christ, and they brought others, and the work of Mary's one cent is still going on.

Lesson Hymn

Through His name we are forgiven—
O how He loves!
Backward shall our foes be driven—
O how He loves!
Best of blessings He'll provide us,
Nought but good shall e'er betide us!
Safe to glory He will guide us—
O how He loves! Amen.
—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

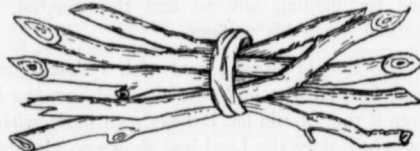
SHORTER CATECHISM—50. *What is required in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions

11. Is Africa owned by those who are native to it? No, the European nations have divided it up among themselves in such a way that only small portions of it are in the hands of its native people. Great Britain owns more than other nations do.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The wood that Isaac carried was like this bundle of branches (*copy*).



I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD ALWAYS TRUST GOD

Genesis 24 : 58-67. Study Genesis, ch. 14—Memory Verses, 64, 65.

Golden Text—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3 : 6.



prayed to God to direct him. He said, "Let it come to pass that the maiden to whom I shall say, 'Let down thy pitcher I pray thee, that I may drink,' and she shall answer, 'Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also,' let her be the one Thou hast chosen for Thy servant Isaac."

As the old man finished praying he saw a beautiful maiden named Rebekah walking towards the well. When she had filled her pitcher he addressed her as he had planned, and Rebekah answered, "Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also." Then the servant knew that this was the woman whom God had chosen, so he asked whose daughter she was and if there was room in her father's house for him to spend the night. And she told him that there was room and that she was the daughter of Bethuel. Then the servant praised God for helping him to find this maiden, for she was one of Abraham's own relations, Bethuel being his nephew.

So the old servant went with Rebekah to her home and told her family what he had come for and who had sent him and how the Lord had led him all the way, and he asked them if they would let Rebekah go back with him to Canaan. And they said they could not refuse since the Lord had shown so plainly that it was His will she should go. Then they called Rebekah and asked her if she would go far away to Canaan to be Isaac's wife, and she said at once, "I will go."

So Rebekah left her home and her relations, and with her nurse, started on the long journey across the desert with the old servant. At last, one evening, they came into the land of Canaan, and there they met Isaac walking towards them across the fields. When Rebekah heard who it was, she got down from the camel, and covering herself with a veil went to meet him. As soon as Isaac saw the beautiful maiden, he loved her, and taking her to his mother's tent he married her, and there they lived happily for many years.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Isaac grew up, his father, who did not wish him to marry a heathen woman of Canaan, sent a trusted old servant to his old home in Haran to bring back one of his own kin as a wife for Isaac.

"But perhaps I cannot find any one who would be willing to come," said the servant. But Abraham told him that God would help him to find a good wife for Isaac. Still, if she would not be willing to leave her home and kindred, Abraham would excuse his servant from his promise.

So the old servant set out on his journey, taking with him beautiful presents of gold and jewels. At last, one evening, he came to the city where Abraham used to live. Outside of it was a well where the girls and women came every evening to draw water. The servant decided he would ask one of them to be his young master's wife ; so he

Questions on the Lesson

1. On what errand did Abraham send his old servant? 2. What did he reach one evening? 3. Who were gathering there? 4. What did the servant pray to God? 5. What was he to say to the maiden? 6. What was she to answer? 7. Did it happen as he had planned? 8. What did this show? 9. What questions did the servants ask Rebekah? 10. Whose relation was she? 11. What happened when the family and Rebekah heard the errand? 12. Whom did they meet when they reached Canaan? 13. How did Isaac receive Rebekah?

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me—
 What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy
 Who through life has been my Guide?
 —Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 48-50.

The Question on Missions

12. What responsibility rests upon us for the evangelization of Africa? Our share of the foreign mission work of the world lies not in Africa but in other lands, but we can help and ought to help God's work everywhere by earnestly praying for its success and going or giving as we have opportunity.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing.



**I Have Learned To-day That
 GOD WILL SHOW ME THE WAY**

EASTER LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Mark 16 : 1-11.

After Jesus was crucified, His friends came, and taking His body down from the cross lovingly wrapped it in fine linen and carried it to a tomb in a beautiful garden which had never been used before. There was no door to the tomb, only a great stone rolled against the opening, and Pilate's soldiers stood round guarding it so that none of Jesus' friends could carry His body away.

On the morning of the third day after Jesus' death a woman named Mary Magdalene and two others who loved Him very dearly came very early to the tomb, bringing some sweet spices and perfumes to put around Jesus' body. And as they walked along they wondered who would roll away the stone from the door for them; but when they reached the tomb they saw that the great stone has already been rolled away.

God had sent His angel in the night time to open the door of the sepulchre, and when the soldiers who were guarding the tomb saw the angel, they were struck with faintness and did not know anything that happened afterwards.

Looking inside, the women saw sitting a beautiful angel with a bright shining face and glistening white garments. They were filled with fear at this, but the angel spoke kindly to them. "Do not be afraid," he said. "I know that you are looking for Jesus, but He is not here now. He has come to life again as He said He would. Come, and see the place where He was lying." And when their wondering eyes had seen that Jesus was no longer in the tomb, the angel said, "Go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and has gone into Galilee. If they go there, they will see Him." The women were so glad and surprised to hear this that they hurried away quickly to tell the wonderful news. And as they were running they met Jesus Himself, and fell at His feet and worshiped Him. Yet when they brought the glad news that Jesus had risen to the disciples and friends who were mourning Him, these would not believe till some time after they themselves spoke to their beloved Master face to face.

Lesson XIII. **REVIEW—THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS** March 30, 1913

Read Hebrews 11 : 1-19.

Golden Text—Our fathers trusted in thee : they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.—Psalm 22 : 4.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 1-20. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 39-50. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—512, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

God and Man : Creation to Isaac

The Lessons for the Quarter have been about the beginning of things.

Lesson I. Gives the story of the creation of the heaven and the earth. Can you repeat the first verse in the Bible—"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH?" What does "created" mean ?

Lesson II. What was the name of the first man ? Of his wife ? Where were they to live ? What was to be their food ? Of what tree were they not to eat ?

Lesson III. Tells of man's first sin. Who tempted Eve to sin ? Who tempted Adam ? How were they punished ?

Lesson IV. What were the names of the first two children born into the world ? What dreadful deed did Cain do to Abel ? Why did he do it ?

Lesson V. Why did God send a great flood upon the earth ? Who were saved from the flood ? How ? Why were they saved ?

Lesson VI. When the flood had gone, to what did God point Noah in the sky ? What promise did He make to him ?

Lesson VII. Tells of the call of Abram. What command did God give to him ? What promise ? What did Abram do ?

Lesson VIII. What was the name of Abram's nephew ? Why did their herdmen quarrel ? What offer did Abram make ? What was Lot's choice ?

Lesson IX. Tells of God's covenant with Abraham—His wonderful promise. What did God ask Abraham to count ? What land did He promise to give him ? (For the older little ones.) By what sign did God testify that He would keep His promise ?

Lesson X. A sad story this, of two whole cities destroyed. Why did God destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah ? Whom did He send to rescue Lot and his family ? What dreadful thing happened to Lot's wife ? Why ?

Lesson XI. Tells of the testing of Abraham's faith. What strange thing did God command Abraham to do ? Why did Abraham obey ? What sacrifice did God provide instead of Isaac ?

Lesson XII. Who was Isaac ? Who came from far away to be his wife ? How did she make the journey ? What is the Golden Text of the Lesson ? What is meant by "acknowledging" God ? What is the promise to those who do so ?

Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee to guide me ;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power,
Thine can never fail ;
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus ;
Never let me fall ;
I am trusting Thee forever,
And for all. Amen.

—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That God is mighty

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. The Creation.	LESSON VII. The Call of Abram.
LESSON II. Man the Crown of Creation.	LESSON VIII. Abram and Lot.
LESSON III. Man's First Sin.	LESSON IX. God's Covenant with Abraham.
LESSON IV. Cain and Abel.	LESSON X. The Destruction of Sodom (Temperance Lesson).
LESSON V. The Flood.	LESSON XI. The Test of Abraham's Faith.
LESSON VI. God's Covenant with Noah.	LESSON XII. Isaac and Rebekah.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name Address

Name of Sabbath School Teacher's Name

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