

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 12.

SEPTEMBER 26th, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Jésus at Jacob's Well. John 4: 9-26.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." John 4: 14.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 11-14. Children's Hymnal 55, 92, 44, 73.

PROVE THAT—Jesus knows all things. John 2: 24.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 94. What is baptism?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
John 4: 6-16	John 4: 16-26	John 4: 27-42	Isa. 55: 1-7	John 7: 28-39	Rev 22: 1-7	Rev 22: 8-17

To the Teacher—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—Read over the verses between this and the last lesson, and find answers to the following questions. Where was John baptizing? What did they tell John about Jesus? To what did John compare himself? What did he say about the authority of Jesus? What did he say would be the consequence of not believing on him? Why did Jesus leave Judea? For what part did he set out? To what place did he come? Point out on the map, Aenon, Samaria, Galilee, Judea, Sychar. What was Sychar called in the Old Testament? Tell something that was done there in the time of the patriarchs.

LESSON PLAN. I. Living Water. vs. 9-18. II. Spiritual Worship. vs. 19-26.

I. LIVING WATER. 9. Where had Jesus' disciples gone? **A woman of Samaria**—that is, "a Samaritan woman." She lived in Sychar. **Being a Jew**—She likely detected this by his dress and accent. **The Jews have no dealings with the S.**—Read 2 Kings 17: 24-41. The Samaritans tried to hinder the building of the second temple after the return from the captivity, and set up a false worship of God on Mt. Gerizim. This enmity gives point to the parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 30-37). **10. The gift of God**—Salvation through acceptance of Christ. (Eph. 2: 8). Christ himself is God's gift, Isa. 9: 6; Rom. 8: 32; 2 Cor. 9: 15. **Living water**—spring, or running water as opposed to that in a cistern. The water Jesus means is eternal life through belief of the truth. John 6: 63. She was more needy than Christ but did not know it. Rev. 3:

17, 18. **11.** Usually an earthen jar was let down by a rope, and the stone curbing of ancient wells is often deeply grooved by the friction of such ropes for centuries. This well is about 100 feet deep and nine feet in diameter. It is quarried through the solid rock, and must have cost immense labor. **12. Art thou greater**—If Jesus could give spring water without all this toil he must be greater than Jacob, and so he was in a sense that the woman did not yet perceive. **Our father Jacob**—The Samaritans claimed to be descended from Joseph, but they were a very mixed race. See 2 Kings 17. **13. This water**—Not only the water in the well, but every kind of earthly gratification. **14. The water that I shall give him**—all the blessings that flow from the pardon of sin and reconciliation with God. **Shall never thirst**—ch. 6: 35, 58; Rev. 7: 16; 21: 6; Isa. 55: 1;

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49: 10. The water of salvation is a continual supply to him who has once partaken of it and he becomes a dispenser of blessings to others. 15. Come all the way hither (R. V.)—She had to come nearly a mile. 16. Call thy husband—Before Jesus can give anyone the living water they must thirst for it. He now tries to make the woman feel how much she needs pardon by awakening her conscience to a sense of sin. 17. No husband—her answer was a confession. Jesus shewed her that he knew all about her. 18. Five husbands—All were either dead or divorced.

II. SPIRITUAL WORSHIP. 20. The woman now feels her need of pardon and asks where God is to be found. This mountain—Mount Gerizim. Opposite to it stood Mt. Ebal. 21. Believe me—He speaks very kindly and earnestly. Worship the Father—That question will be settled, not by your going to Jerusalem, nor by the Jews coming to this mountain, but by all going directly in your hearts to the Father who is present everywhere. 22. Ye know not what—R. V. "that which ye know not." The worship of the Samaritans was ignorant because

they did not take the whole Bible but only a small part of it, and they did not accept what God had said to the Jewish prophets. Salvation is of the Jews.—From them Christ was to come. Isa. 2: 3; Luke 24: 47; Rom. 3: 12; 9: 4, 5. 23. True worshippers—real worshippers, not merely formal or ignorant ones. In spirit and in truth—real, sincere, spiritual worship, not deriving any value from the place at which it is offered. These are the only kind of worshippers that God wants to have. 24. God is a spirit—Read 1 John 1: 5; 4: 8. 25. Messias—The Samaritans hoped for the Saviour as promised by Moses in Deut 18: 15, 18. They did not think that he would be an earthly sovereign, and so far they were right. They were also right in looking for him as a teacher. Jesus has succeeded in awakening in her heart a longing for Christ. She is ready now to receive the "living water" because she thirsts for it. 26. I that speak unto thee—Who else could have spoken so graciously. She believed him at once and forgetting her errand, left her water-pitcher and ran back to the city to tell everybody that the Messias was indeed come. He remained there two days and many believed on him.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—Why was the woman surprised at Christ's request for a drink of water? (3)
- 2.—What did Jesus offer to the woman of Samaria and what did he mean by it? (4)
- 3.—In what respects was the living water better than "this water"? (4)
- 4.—How did Jesus awaken a desire for this precious gift? (5)
- 5.—What kind of worshippers does God "seek for"? (4)
- 6.—What three things does John say that "God is"? (5)

Name _____

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because _____ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory _____ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and _____ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to _____ I was at church _____ I send with this my Weekly Offering of _____ cents.