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The Children's Saviour

Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Cares for me, a little child,
Saves me with His great salvation,
Crowns me with His mercies mild.
Love and praise to Him I bring ;
Jesus is the children's King.

He will guard my steps from straying,
Lest His little one should roam,
In my errands and my playing,
When at school and when at home,
He will journey at my side ;
Jesus is the children's Guide.

When I cry to Him in danger,
Or in loneliness and pain,
He, who lived on earth a Stranger,
Soothes and makes me strong again.
He will love me to the end ;
Jesus is the children's Friend.

—Mary Rowles Jarvis

Wonderful Deeds

The Lessons for this year are like windows on a crowded street. Wherever you look, there are people coming and going. Some of them we shall see *very* often. They are very busy people, always on some errand for their great Master. Now and then they are in great danger ; and very wonderful things happen.

Their Master taken up from them to heaven in a bright cloud, and sending down upon them the power to speak in many languages ; a cripple made to walk ; two of them cast into prison for telling of their Master to the people ; twelve of them cast

into prison for the same cause, and an angel coming by night and opening the prison doors, and setting them free ; these are some of the wonderful things.

Then, there is a man stoned to death, because he would not deny Jesus, and another follower of Jesus sent away into the desert to tell about Him to a stranger on a journey. Then, too, a palsied man made strong, and a dead woman raised to life by the power of Jesus' name.

The Book from which the Lessons are taken is called The Acts of the Apostles, that is, "The Doings of the Missionaries".

The Child as a Worshiper

By Mrs. Winnifrede B. Jamieson

Children instinctively respect skill, as, for instance, what mother's trained fingers can do ; they admire the exhibition of power, such as father's strength permits ; they respond to the sublime, as seen in a beautiful sunset, or the play of the lightning across the sky. All these feelings are elements in worship. What more natural, then, than that the child should become a devout worshiper of his Creator ?

But it rests largely with parents, whether these instincts, founded on awe of that which is greater than self, be developed into reverence, by bringing into the child's life the consciousness of the divine, as revealed in Jesus, or whether they be allowed to degenerate into superstition or that which tends to separate the soul from God. It is easy to people a child's world, at a very early age, with tales of Santa Claus and fairies ; and, presented in

the right way, these may be beneficial. The child will as readily respond to the Old Testament stories, and to those about Jesus in the Gospels,—revelations of God Himself which can never be outgrown.

The little questioners afford us endless opportunities to lead their souls Godward; and how quickly they respond to teaching. A child is nothing, if not literal. What mother but can recall proofs of this from the prayers said at her knee, which would oftentimes be ludicrous, were they not so genuine in spirit? Here the child reveals his conception of God, his assimilation of truth and the measure of his communion with God. We may not expect, however, to take, to a degree, a child's spiritual temperature. Even at an early age, some children cannot give utterance to their deepest feelings before another. One little lad of seven, when asked at the close of his prayer, if he did not wish to ask God's forgiveness for a certain offence, said, "I did ask Him, mama, but not out loud".

After noting the effect of music, quieting and uplifting, upon children, their involuntary spiritual response to the sentiment of a hymn, in singing, one can but agree with Patterson Du Bois, who says, "As a direct appeal to the feelings, music has an educative power in worship, entirely apart from words".

Thus, briefly, we have sought to show that a child has within him, that which responds to God; that, when he knows their Source, his heart goes out, naturally, in adoration and worship to the Creator of all things. Acquaint the children with God, that He may reveal Himself to them. Never doubt that these little ones have fellowship with God, because you do not see in them your mature experience. Wait, watch, and nurture these feeble beginnings, laying to heart these words of Emerson's, "In my dealings with my child, as much soul as I have, avails".

Princetown, Trinidad

Who Was the Little Prince

Once upon a time, there lived a good little prince. His father, the king, was a very wicked man, and one day some bad men murdered him in the palace. The little

prince was only eight years old, but he became king, and a very good king, too. When he grew big, he drove away all the wicked priests who had taught the people to pray to idols. Then he sent men to cleanse the temple of God and get it ready for worship. While the men were doing this, they found a copy of God's Word lying in a corner. Now this Book said that the people of that land must be punished, because they had worshiped idols. When the king read this, he became very sad; but God promised him, that, because he had been so good, no trouble would come while he reigned. *Who was the little prince?*

The Little Truthtellers

By Esther Miller

"I saw a grea' big tager out in de garden", asserted small Hugh, as he was being put to bed. His mother looked worried. The tales Hugh invented were becoming a source of alarm to his truth-loving parents.

"But it was just a pretend tiger, wasn't it?" she suggested. He turned big, reproachful eyes upon her. "Oh, no, mama,—a weely, twooly tager. An' I shot him dead wif my gun, an' den I cut him up—an' den I et him—an' den—"

His mother interrupted. There was no limit to the proportions the story might take on. "Never mind it to-night, darling. It's time little boys were by-by."

When he was off into dreamland, probably killing more tigers, she went downstairs. Eight-year-old Elsie was working at the table. "Lessons not done yet, little daughter?" asked her mother.

"Why, no, mama, I've only got two sums done. They're so awfully long!"

"But you've been sittin' here two hours dear."

Elsie's curly head bent lower over her task and she chanted solemnly, "Four and five are nine, and three are twelve, and six are—"

Her mother passed into the sitting room where grandmama sat reading, and the little voice instantly ceased.

"I'm so troubled about Hughie", sighed the mother, taking up her darning basket. "I'm afraid he isn't truthful!"

Grandmama looked up. "Do you know, Helen, there is no more reason to worry about Hughie's "untruthfulness", than about Elsie's?"

"Elsie! Why, mother, she never told me a falsehood in her life; and Hugh's tales are absolutely appalling." "Hugh's tales are the product of his baby imagination. He will outgrow them. And Elsie—" "Elsie, mother?"

"Take to-night, for instance. She wanted to sit up late, and she has spent two hours pretending to do three sums she could finish in ten minutes. I don't believe the child is conscious that she is deceiving any more than Hugh is. But, when she has a point to gain, she very often speaks or acts an untruth. Watch her."

The mother did watch, and found that the grandmother was right. Then, having got at the root of the untruthfulness in the older, as well as in the younger child, she set herself to make both her darlings truthful in word and deed. Constant, prayerful attention won the day. Under his mother's teaching, Hugh learned that the world was full of real wonders,—that the robin's nest in the tree and the rose opening from the bud were more marvelous than his imaginary tigers; and Elsie became willing to do without the things she most wished for, rather than win them by an untruth, spoken or acted.

Orillia, Ont.

"Dear Heavenly Father, Please!"

The following story is from Mr. W. N. Hartshorn's, Practical Talks on Primary Sunday School Work:

We have in the class a bright boy of five years, whose mother is very poor and frequently leaves a five-months-old baby in Oscar's care, while she is out washing. One day baby was crying, and Oscar thought his sister was cold; he placed her in a high chair near the stove, and turned to get a cord to tie her into the chair, and instantly the child fell and hit its face on the stove. A woman living above came at once to the help of the children. Oscar ran for his mother, and soon after they reached the house Oscar was missed from the room. Search was made for him, and his

little voice was heard in prayer in his room. He repeated his request several times, "Dear heavenly Father, please take the burn off my little sister's face, for Jesus' sake".

A few days after this, Mr. Allen, our assistant superintendent, saw Oscar, and fearing that he would be troubled because the burn was not wholly gone, asked him if God had answered his prayer. The little fellow looked up and said with a face full of hope, "No, sir, but He's doing it now".

The Story of Little Cheu Shin

By Rev. James Menzies, M.D.

One day a little Chinese girl, named Cheu Shin, was carried in a large basket to our mission hospital at Hwai King. She suffered a great deal of pain, and had not walked for over eight years. So long had she lain in bed with her limbs drawn up, that the joints of her knees and hips had grown solid, and she could not even sit up on the brick bed without support. Her mother was very cruel to her at times, because being a cripple, no one wanted her, and she could not sell her at any price.

The mission doctor tried, by cutting the tendons, to straighten out her poor crooked limbs, but was not able to help her very much. Her mother was very angry when she found her daughter would never be able to walk again, and said, "I'll straighten you out myself, you useless, crooked thing", and she would pull her about and try by brute force, to straighten out those poor, aching, stiffened limbs; and many a sleepless night did Cheu Shin pass because of her mother's cruelty.

She was a bright girl and able to work with her hands, and while in the hospital, supported herself by sewing. Though she had never been taught at home, being only a girl, in the hospital she soon learned to read, and after some weeks, she had read the whole of the Catechism, and a good part of St. John's Gospel, and could sing several hymns.

She became a bright Christian, and was always happy when she had a chance to tell the other girls and women in the hospital about her Saviour.

When the New Year season came, she went

How Hitty Was Met

home for some weeks and took with her enough sewing to keep her busy all the time. But when she returned to the hospital, we found her work had scarcely been touched. We soon found out the reason why. When she went home, her girl friends came to see her and asked her about the foreign hospital. She told them about the hospital and the patients, and told them, too, about the gospel, and how she had learned to read. They begged of her to teach them, and so her sewing was laid aside. And then the women came to hear and to be taught also, and the men came, as well, to listen to the new story of their Saviour. So all day long, and often long into the night, did little Cheu Shin work with her pupils.

Not long afterwards, a missionary on his tour came to the village, not knowing that Cheu Shin lived there, and was very much surprised to have the whole village turn out to welcome him. They set apart a large room for a preaching hall while he was there, and many men came, both by day and by night, to hear more of that wonderful story. And all this was the result of the work done by one poor little crippled girl, whose heart the love of Jesus had touched and who could not keep from telling the good news to others.

Hwai King Fu, Honan, China.

How Hitty Was Met

"Lynnmere!" called the conductor.

The train stopped with a bump. It had done this just three times, and every time Hitty had grasped her bag and looked inquiringly at the conductor. Each time he had shaken his head, but now smiled invitingly, and said, "This is your station".

Hitty hopped off the seat and straightened her skirts, waiting in the aisle for the train to pull to a full stop. She felt quite important, for she had written to Aunt Anna that she was coming to stay three days, and she was to be met at the station. It was very nice to be met, Hitty thought, and she wondered if Aunt Anna would drive over in the pretty phaeton.

When she came down the steps with great dignity, she was surprised to see that there was no one there. Perhaps Aunt Anna had to go to the village, and would come later. Hitty

was so sure of this that she went to the side of the little building and sat down in the shade.

She saw the station master lock the door and go down the street, because that was the last train for the afternoon, and then Hitty was a little lonely.

The shadows grew longer after a while, and the lonesome frogs round the brook began the song they sing in the evening. Surely Aunt Anna meant to come!

Then she began to wonder about the letter she had written so carefully. Her mother had read it over and said that it was all perfect, and she had carried it to the post-office herself. Why—suddenly she thought that she did not remember posting the letter. Could it be that she had done such a careless thing? She felt more lonely and frightened than she dared to say even to herself.

Just as she had reached the point where the tears were very near the surface she saw a great dog running past the station. "O Shep! Shep!" she called, for she knew the old family dog, and he seemed now like the dearest friend.

Shep instantly stopped running, and wagging his tail in a friendly fashion, came across the street. Hitty ran and put both arms round his great neck. "Take me home, Shep, please take me home!" she cried.

Shep seemed to know the situation, and began to trot off down the road, looking back invitingly. Hitty followed, and as she went along, although her bag was heavy, her spirits began to rise. They had walked about a mile when the sound of wheels behind her made her turn, and there was dear Aunt Anna coming along in the phaeton. She had been to the village and was on her way home, with no thought that her niece was anywhere near. Shep began to bark joyously, and the old horse stopped.

"I am being met at the station," said Hitty, feebly, and then, just because she was so tired, she began to cry. "I have been careless again!" she sobbed.

Aunt Anna, knowing all her penitence, stepped out into the road and gathered her up in her arms, while good old Shep tried, by wagging his tail, to make all necessary explanations.—Selected

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1909

I. SINGING. Hymn 256, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2.

II. PRAYER. Children repeating the words, sentence by sentence, after the teacher.

III. SINGING. Hymn 580, 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.)

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| Jesus, from Thy throne on high, ¹ | Little hearts may love Thee well, |
| Far above the bright blue sky, | Little lips Thy love may tell, |
| Look on us with loving eye : | Little hymns Thy praises swell : |
| Hear us, holy Jesus. | Hear us, holy Jesus. |
| Little deeds of love may shine, | |
| Little lives may be divine, | |
| Little ones be wholly Thine : | |
| Hear us, holy Jesus. | |

IV. REPEAT IN CONCERT Ps. 34 : 13, 14.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it.

V. OFFERING. To be taken by two or more of the children ; the collectors to stand before the teacher, while she asks a blessing on the offering. Then all sing with bowed heads :

God of heaven, hear our singing,
Only little ones are we ;
Yet, we come our off'ring bringing
Jesus, it is all for Thee. (Tune 565, Book of Praise.)

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Good Shepherd, Psalm 23. For those under eleven, The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20 : 1-17. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those under Eleven.)

VII. SINGING. Hymn selected by the little ones.

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

IX. SINGING. Hymn 561, Book of Praise.

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. SINGING. Lesson Hymn. (See each Lesson.)

XII. CLOSING. Prayer by the teacher. At the end, children sing, with bowed heads, Hymn 575, Book of Praise.

XIII. DISMISSION. After distribution of papers, cards, etc., children march out singing Hymn 262, Book of Praise.

Lesson I.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

January 3, 1909

Acts 1 : 1-11. Study Acts 1 : 1-14—*Memory Verses, 8, 9.

Golden Text—It came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24 : 51.



the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jeru'salem, and in all Judæ'a, and in Samar'ia, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Gal'ilee ; why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Je'sus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Luke, one of Jesus' disciples, who was a doctor, had written to a friend named Theophilus the story of Jesus' life on earth. After a time, Luke wrote again to this friend, telling him of the still more wonderful things that happened after Jesus had died on the cross and risen again from the dead,—how Jesus had many times showed Himself alive again to His disciples and friends, and had eaten and talked with them.

Jesus remained on earth for forty days after He rose from the dead. At the end of that time, He met with His disciples in Jerusalem, and commanded them to wait in that city until the Holy Spirit, whom His

1. The former treatise have I made, O Theoph'ilus, of all that Je'sus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen :

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God :

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jeru'salem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Is'rael ?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which

heavenly Father had promised to send to guide them, should come. "For", said Jesus, "as John the Baptist baptized with water the people who came to him, you shall soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The last time Jesus and His disciples were gathered together was on the Mount of Olives; and they asked Him if He were now going to set His people Israel free from the Romans, and make them a great and powerful nation.

Jesus did not tell them whether this would happen or not ; but He said to them, "You will receive power to do wonderful things yourselves, after the Holy Spirit is sent upon you. And you shall go and tell people every-

*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.

where, in the farthest corner of the earth, as well as here in Jerusalem and the country round about, all that I have taught you."

As Jesus finished speaking, the disciples suddenly saw Him moving slowly away from them—up, up towards heaven, till a cloud hid Him from their eyes. And as they looked wonderingly upward whither Jesus had gone, two angels in shining white garments stood beside them, and said, "Why do you stand so sorrowfully gazing up into heaven? Jesus shall come again to earth some day, and in the same way He went up".

So the disciples, a little comforted by the angels' words, went back from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, and there they assembled together in an upper room, where they spent much of the time in prayer to God, asking His help and guidance for the work which Jesus had said they were to do

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom had Luke written about Jesus' life on earth?
2. About what did he again write to this same man?
3. How did Jesus make the disciples sure that He had risen from the dead?
4. How long did He remain on earth after He had risen?
5. Where did He meet with His disciples at the end of this time?
6. For what did He bid them wait in that city?
7. Where did the disciples meet with Jesus for the last time?
8. What question did they ask of Him?
9. How did Jesus answer them?
10. What did He promise they would receive power to do?
11. Who would give this power to them?
12. Where were the disciples to go and tell about Jesus?
13. What happened after Jesus had finished speaking?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Stanley felt so proud as he started off to meet mother who had been away a whole year "I've remembered all she told me", he said. "I've helped Uncle John and minded Auntie and—" he stopped and looked at the black fingers on which he was counting. Auntie had told him twice to wash them. "I haven't time now—" he began, but in a minute he was flying upstairs, and it was a very hot but very clean little boy who ran into mother's arms a little later, and a very

happy boy who heard her say, "I'm sure my boy has remembered everything I've told him".

Lesson Hymn

Golden harps are sounding,
 Angel voices ring,
 Pearly gates are opened,
 Opened for the King. Amen.

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Question 1. *What is the chief end of man?* A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, A DOCTOR IN HONAN.)

1. Do many sick people come to our missionaries in Honan? Yes, very many. There are only four hospitals for 8,000,000 of people, many of whom suffer from terrible diseases. A doctor will often treat over 200 patients a day, besides performing several operations.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the picture, and remember that Jesus



our King is in heaven and that He will come again to take us to be with Him there.

**I Have Learned To-day
 THAT JESUS IS IN HEAVEN**

Lesson II.

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT January 10, 1909

Acts 2 : 1-11. Study Acts 2 : 1-21—Memory Verses, 2-4.

Golden Text—I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth.—John 14 : 16, 17.

Judæ'a, and Cappado'cia, in Pon'tus, and A'sia,

10 Phryg'ia, and Pamphyl'ia, in E'gypt, and in the parts of Lib'ya about Cyre'ne, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Ara'bians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

1 And when the day of Pen'tecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jeru'salem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæ'ans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Par'thians, and Medes, and E'lamites, and the dwellers in Mesopota'mia, and in

THE LESSON RETOLD

Whilst the disciples were waiting in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come, Peter stood up and said that they ought to choose one of their number, to take the place, amongst the twelve apostles, of Judas, who had betrayed Jesus. So they named two men called Joseph and Matthias. After they had prayed to the Lord, they chose Matthias, "and he was numbered with the eleven apostles".

Soon the time of Pentecost, one of the great Jewish feasts, came, and the disciples were all gathered together in one house. Suddenly they heard a strange sound, like the rushing of a great wind, which filled the house in which they were sitting. There also appeared in the room what seemed to be flames of fire in the shape of tongues, and one of these flames rested on the head of each of the disciples. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, as Jesus had promised, and they began to speak in many foreign

languages, which they had never understood before.

Now, there were in Jerusalem, at that time, Jews who had come from the countries where those languages were spoken. These heard the sound like the wind, and crowded into and around the house where the disciples were, to see what had happened. When they heard the disciples, they were astonished, and asked, "Do not these men come from Galilee? How, then, are they able to speak the languages of those countries in which we were born, and which they have never seen?" But some who heard the words of the disciples, mocked them, and said that they had been taking too much wine, so that they were drunken.

But Peter stood up and spoke to the crowds. He said that the disciples were not drunken, but God had sent upon them the Holy Spirit. He went on to tell how, long ago, God, through one of His prophets, had

foretold that His Holy Spirit would come upon His chosen people Israel, and that many strange and wonderful things would happen when He came. This prophet had also said, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved".

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Peter tell the disciples they ought to do?
2. What two men did they name?
3. What did they then do?
4. Which of the two was afterwards chosen?
5. What great feast of the Jews came soon after?
6. Where were the disciples at that time?
7. What strange sound did they hear?
8. What did they see?
9. What were they able to do after the tongues rested upon them?
10. Who crowded into and around the house where the disciples were?
11. Were they surprised at what they heard?
12. What did some think about it?
13. Which disciple spoke to the crowds?
14. What did he say had happened?
15. Who had foretold that God would send His Holy Spirit?
16. What great promise did this prophet make?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Who was that I saw you talking to at the gate, Harry?" asked mother one day. "Oh, that was Dick Barnes, the boy that lives down in Jones' Alley, that I took to Sunday School about a month ago. And do you know, mother", he went on, eagerly, "he doesn't seem like the same boy at all. He used to fight with every fellow he saw, almost, and swear and steal—he told me he did—and now he's just as different as different; and he says it was all the Sunday School, mother. Oh, I'm so glad I took him there! He says he just doesn't want to do all those wicked things now, and, before, he couldn't help doing them. Wouldn't you call that being another boy altogether, mother?" "Yes, indeed", said mother, softly, "God must have given Dick the new heart He has promised to all who want to love and serve Him".

Lesson Hymn

Spirit, aiding all who yearn
More of truth divine to learn,

And with deeper love to burn;
Hear us, Holy Spirit. Amen.
—Hymn 116, 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.

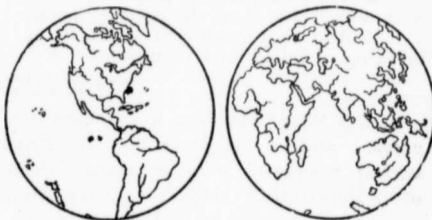
SHORTER CATECHISM—2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

The Question on Missions

2. How do Chinese doctors treat the sick? Their treatment is often cruel as well as useless. They stick needles into all parts of the body to let out the disease and give large doses of such medicines as dried snakes, scorpions, lizards, tigers' bones and other horrible things.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Is it not wonderful that the prayers and pennies of the littlest child can help in making



the story of Jesus' love known all round the world. Copy the sketch maps.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME STRONG

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 17, 1909

Acts 2 : 32-42. Study Acts 2 : 22-47—Memory Verses, 32, 33.

Golden Text—They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.—Acts 2 : 42.



32 This Je'sus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For Da'vid is not ascended into the heavens : but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Is'rael know assuredly, that God hath made that same Je'sus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Pe'ter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do ?

38 Then Pe'ter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Je'sus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to

your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized : and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Peter went on speaking to the crowds of people ; and he told them how Jesus had worked wonderful miracles among them, which showed that God had really sent Him, and how they, who were His own people, instead of welcoming Him, had cruelly put Him to death.

" But He is not dead now ! " Peter went on to say, with a glad voice, " for we, His apostles, have seen Him since He rose from the dead, as the scriptures promised He would rise. And He has now gone up to reign in glory with God in heaven ; and, because He has left us, He has sent us this Holy Spirit, whose power you have just seen, to be with us as a Guide and Helper. So now, you and all the children of Israel may surely know that this same Jesus whom you crucified, is the Saviour of the world, for whom you and your fathers

have been looking so long and so earnestly."

When the people heard these words, they were filled with sorrow for what they had done to Jesus, and said to Peter and the other disciples, " Men and brethren, what shall we do ? "

Peter answered them, " Repent of your sins, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, that you may be forgiven ; then the Holy Spirit shall be given to you also, for God has promised to send Him to you and to your children, and to all whom the Lord our God shall call."

Great numbers who heard Peter speak, gladly believed on the Lord Jesus, and about three thousand persons were baptized that same day. These all came and met together with the apostles and other followers of Jesus ; and they learned of them

the teachings of Jesus, and how they should live, if they wished to serve and please Him. And they all lived with each other as brothers, those who were rich dividing their wealth with those who were poor.

These followers of Christ went daily to the temple to worship and to pray there, and met also in one another's houses, to eat together and to talk with joy of all that had happened. And every day, some others, who had repented of their sins and believed on Jesus, came and were baptized by the apostles.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Peter tell the people about Jesus? 2. Why was he sure that Jesus was not dead? 3. Whither had Jesus gone? 4. Whom had He sent to be with His disciples, instead of Himself? 5. What did Peter say Jesus was? 6. How did the Jews feel when they heard Peter's words? 7. What did they ask? 8. What did Peter tell them they must do? 9. What would then be given them? 10. What was the result of Peter's words? 11. How many people were baptized in one day? 12. What did they come to the apostles to learn? 13. How did they behave towards each other? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Tony sat curled up in a big chair, and, with regretful eyes, watched Uncle Jack packing his trunk. Next day he was going back to his missionary work in India, and Tony hated to think of how dull the house would be without him. "Why don't you stay in this country, Uncle?" he asked presently, "there are lots of people here to preach to." "Where do you think I'm needed most, though, Tony?" Tony was silent for a minute, while Uncle Jack went on with his packing. "I don't think you've seen this,

Tony", he said, handing him the photograph of a wild-looking, dirty little native boy. "Oh, dear, that's the worst I've seen yet!" cried Tony. "Nor this", said his uncle, handing him another. "And that's quite the nicest", decided Tony. "The same boy", said his uncle quietly, "changed through gospel teaching." "Really?" said Tony incredulously. Then after a long pause, "I think I see now, Uncle Jack, why you think it's worth while being a missionary".

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven. Amen.
—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD TELL OTHERS OF JESUS

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—3. *What do the Scriptures principally teach?* A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

The Question on Missions

3. Have the Chinese hospitals of their own? No, not even for contagious diseases, as smallpox, scarlet fever and the like. The sick and lame and blind are very often turned out on the street to beg for a living. The insane are chained at home like wild beasts.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

JESUS, LORD & CHRIST

The very brightest and most beautiful colors must be used to-day. For you are to color three names of the blessed Saviour. How we should love Him and serve Him!

Lesson IV.

THE LAME MAN HEALED

January 24, 1909

Acts 3 : 1-16. Study Acts 3 : 1-26—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know.—Acts 3 : 16.



1 Now Pe'ter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Pe'ter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Pe'ter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Pe'ter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee : In the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up : and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God :

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Pe'ter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Pe'ter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Is'rael, why marvel ye at this ? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk ?

13 The God of A'braham, and of I'saac, and of Ja'cob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son, Je'sus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pi'late, when he was determined to let *him* go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know : yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One afternoon, it happened that Peter and John were going up together to the temple, at the hour of prayer. Now, a poor man, who had been lame ever since he was born, was carried every day by his friends and laid at the gate called the Beautiful Gate of the temple, that he might ask alms or gifts of those who came up to worship.

This man, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked them for alms. Peter, fixing his eyes upon him, said, "Look on us". The man obeyed, thinking that Peter was about to give something to him. But Peter

went on, "I have no silver nor gold; but what I have, I will give you. I bid you, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to rise up and walk."

And Peter took the lame man by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones were made strong, and the man, who had never taken a step before, was able to walk as well as other men. Leaping and dancing for joy, he followed Peter and John into the temple, praising God for what had been done to him.

The people who saw him, and who knew

how he had always sat helpless at the temple gate, were filled with wonder, and ran quickly after the men who had done this strange thing.

And Peter turned to them and said, "Why do you look so curiously at us, as if we ourselves had made this man to walk? It was Jesus who gave us the power to make him well—that same Jesus whom God sent from heaven, to be the Saviour of the world; but you would not believe in Him, and at last killed God's own Son. He is now risen from the dead, and is with His Father in heaven, and has left us here on earth to tell people of Him and lead them to believe in Him. It is because the lame man trusted in the power of His name, that he has been cured."

Peter also told the Jews, that it was through ignorance, he knew, that they and their rulers had put Jesus to death; but now that they had been told the truth about Him, they should be sorry for their sins and believe in the Saviour, and He would freely forgive them their sins.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither were Peter and John going one afternoon? 2. For what purpose? 3. Who was laid each day at a gate of the temple? 4. Why? 5. What was the gate called? 6. What did this man ask from Peter and John? 7. What did Peter say he would give him? 8. What happened when Peter took the lame man by the hand? 9. How did the people feel when they saw the miracle? 10. Who had given the power to cure the man? 11. What did Peter say that the Jews had done to Jesus? 12. What had Jesus left His disciples on earth to do? 13. What had the lame man done to be cured? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Old lame Jeremiah hobbled painfully along the street; and Tilly and May, from the gate, watched him compassionately. "Guess I'll give him my two pennies", said Tilly, in a sudden fit of generosity. "Can't you give him something, too, May?" May shook her head sadly—"I haven't a cent." Then suddenly, after another look at Jeremiah, she tore up the path to the house. She had a dripping cup of clear, cold water in her hands when she came back, and old Jeremiah's eyes

brightened when she held it out to him. "Just what I needed, little Missy", he said, gratefully, drinking it down. "I felt just about done out, and it's put new life into me." "He thought your being kind was worth more'n my pennies", said Tilly, soberly, when he had gone.

Lesson Hymn

There is no name so sweet on earth,
No name so sweet in heaven,
The name before His wondrous birth
To Christ the Saviour given.

*We love to sing around our King,
And hail Him blessèd Jesus;
For there's no word ear ever heard
So dear, so sweet as Jesus. Amen.*

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—4. What is God? A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

The Question on Missions

4. Describe a mission hospital ward. It is a room 12 by 18 feet, with a brick floor, whitewashed walls and paper windows. The bed is a brick platform 2 ft. high and 6 ft. wide. On this the patients lie close together crosswise on thin straw matting, with a brick or a piece of wood for a pillow, and a quilt for covering.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How helpless the lame man in the Lesson was! But the power of Jesus was able to



make him well and strong. And it is the same Jesus who keeps us well, and makes us well when we are sick. Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD BE KIND TO THE HELPLESS

Lesson V.

THE TRIAL OF PETER AND JOHN

January 31, 1909

Acts 4 : 5-20. Study Acts 4 : 1-31—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.—Acts 4 : 31.



5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And An'nas the high priest, and Caia'phas, and John, and Alexan'der, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jeru'salem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this ?

8 Then Pe'ter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Is'rael,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Is'rael, that by the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Pe'ter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled ; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Je'sus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 Saying, What shall we do to these men ? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jeru'salem; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Je'sus. 19 But Pe'ter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Amongst the rulers of the Jews there were many Sadducees. These were people who did not believe that the dead could rise, and were very angry with Peter and John for saying that Jesus had risen. So they joined with the priests and had the two apostles shut up in prison. The next day, all the rulers met together in their great council, to try Peter and John, asking them by what power they had healed the lame man.

And Peter answered, "Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if you ask us about the good deed done to the lame man, and how he has been healed, we tell you it is by the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom you crucified. For though you counted Jesus as

nothing while He was here on earth amongst you, yet God has made Him to be Ruler over us all. Neither is there any other person in all the world who can save us from our sins." When the rulers saw that Peter and John were poor and unlearned men, and yet were bold and without fear in speaking before them, they were astonished. But seeing the man who had been healed standing near, they could not deny what the apostles had done.

So they sent Peter and John out of the council, and talked about the matter amongst themselves. They said, "What shall we do to these men ? We cannot deny that they have done this miracle, for all the people of

Jerusalem must already know of it ; but we may keep the news from spreading any further, by telling them we will punish them if they preach any more to the people."

So Peter and John were called in again, and commanded not to speak nor teach anything more about Jesus. But they answered fearlessly, "Whether it would be right for us to obey you more than God, you yourselves must judge. As for us, we cannot help teaching the people about Jesus and the wonderful things we have heard Him speak and seen Him do." Then, although the rulers threatened again to punish them, they had to let them go, for they could not prove they had done anything wrong.

When Peter and John told their friends what the rulers had said, they all prayed together, that God would keep them from being afraid to preach the gospel. And the house in which they were gathered, was shaken, and they were so filled with the Holy Spirit, that they spoke with boldness the messages which God gave them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who caused Peter and John to be put into prison ? 2. Why were the Sadducees angry with the apostles ? 3. Who gathered next day to try them ? 4. What question did they ask them ? 5. By whose power did Peter say the lame man had been healed ? 6. What did Peter say God had made Jesus to be ? 7. What astonished the rulers ? 8. What were they unable to deny ? 9. What did they wish to prevent ? 10. What did they command Peter and John not to do ? 11. What did the apostles answer ? 12. To whom did they tell what the rulers had said to them ? 13. For what did all the disciples pray ? 14. What happened in answer to their prayer ? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A crowd of boys were down at the swimming pool one day, and close by was an orchard filled with the loveliest red apples. "Now Ted", said the boys to one little fellow, "you go and get some apples for the crowd." "No, I can't!" he said firmly. "We'll duck you if you don't!" And then they caught him and ducked him under the water, till he screamed with fright.

"Now, will you do it?" they asked. "No", said Ted, "nothing will make me steal, for God is looking at me and would be sorry if I did." The boys all looked ashamed. They had forgotten about God's looking on at everything. "We're sorry we ducked you, Ted", they said, "and we won't steal, either."

Lesson Hymn

Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from every snare ;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer. Amen.
—Hymn 228, 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.

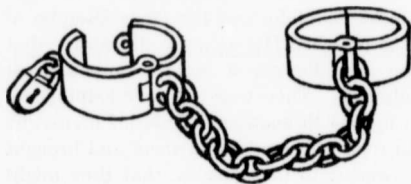
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-4.

The Question on Missions

5. Describe a mission outdoor dispensary. Outside is a large crowd of sick people. Some have come long distances on wheelbarrows, some in carts. Inside the large dispensary room, the doctor and his assistants are busy washing, dressing and bandaging wounds and giving medicine.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

There is something far worse than to have one's feet or hands bound with shackles like



those in the picture. It is to be the slave of sin. But Jesus will make us free, and keep us free, from sin, if we only ask Him. Copy.

I Have Learned Today

THAT ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE ME

Lesson VI.

TRUE AND FALSE BROTHERHOOD

February 7, 1909

Acts 4 : 32 to 5 : 11—Memory Verses, 32, 33.

Golden Text—Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.—Proverbs 12 : 22.



carried *him* out, and buried *him*.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Pe'ter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Pe'ter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of *them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Je'sus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Jo'ses, who by the apostles was surnamed Bar'nabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Le'vite, and of the country of Cy'prus,

37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

Chap. 5. 1 But a certain man named Anani'as, with Sapphi'ra his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy *to it*, and brought a certain part, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

3 But Pe'ter said, Anani'as, why hath Sa'tan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Anani'as hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and

THE LESSON RETOLD

Peter and John and the other disciples of Jesus preached His name so diligently, that soon the followers of Jesus became a great multitude. They were all very helpful and loving one to another. Those of them who had houses or lands, sold them and brought the money to the apostles, that they might give it to those who were poor. Amongst those who sold their possessions, was Barnabas, who came from the island of Cyprus, and was a man full of kindness and sympathy.

But a man named Ananias, and his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of land which they owned, and agreed together that they would bring only part of the money to the apostles, pretending, at the same time, that they had brought all. Now, God told Peter what these wicked people had planned; so, when Ananias came with the money, Peter said to him, "Ananias, was not the land your own

to sell it or not, as you liked? And was not the money you got for it your own, to keep, if you wanted to do so? Why did you let Satan tempt you to lie to the Holy Spirit by keeping back part of the money, while pretending to give it all?"

Peter said that Ananias had lied to the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, because the money was really an offering to God. So Peter told Ananias, that when he thus lied to the Holy Spirit, he lied to God. Ananias immediately fell down dead. The Lord punished him in this way for his sin. When it was seen that he was really dead, the young men who were there carried him out and buried him.

About three hours afterwards, his wife Sapphira, not knowing what had happened, came to the same place; and Peter said to her, "Tell me, was the money your husband

brought all that you received for your land?" And Sapphira answered, "Yes". Then said Peter, "Why did you agree together to try and deceive the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the men are at the door who have just buried your husband, and they shall also carry you out." And immediately she fell down at Peter's feet and died, and the young men carried out her body also, and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon all who heard of what had happened.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What caused the followers of Jesus to become so many? 2. How did they act towards one another? 3. What did those who had houses or lands do? 4. For what was the money used? 5. Who agreed together to deceive the apostles? 6. How did they plan to do this? 7. How did Peter hear of the plan? 8. What did he say to Ananias when he brought the money? 9. To whom did Peter say Ananias had lied? 10. How did God punish Ananias? 11. By whom was he buried? 12. Who came in about three hours afterwards? 13. What question did Peter ask of her? 14. What did she answer? 15. What did Peter then say to her? 16. What became of her? 17. How did those feel who heard of what had happened? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"No change, Phil?" asked mother. "I thought the eggs would have been only twenty-two or twenty-three cents." "No, mother, they must have gone up." And then Phil ran away. He couldn't bear to look mother in the face, with that five cents in his pocket. The eggs had really been only twenty cents. "Don't care, though", he told himself, "mother never gives me any money to go to the moving pictures, and the other fellows go 'most every day." And off he ran, straight down to the moving picture show, where he took a seat in the very darkest corner. "Brr-rr" went the machine. And there, on the white screen, was the name of the next picture. "Stop thief!" it said. Phil gave one look, and then dashed off home. "I'll never, never tell a lie again," he sobbingly told mother.

Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—5. *Are there more Gods than one?* A. There is but One only, the living and true God. 6. *How many persons are there in the Godhead?* A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

The Question on Missions

6. What do the Chinese do for the blind? Our mission doctors? The Chinese sometimes try to cure blindness by digging it out with a needle, and, of course, only destroy the eye. Our doctors restore sight to many blind people by removing the opaque lens in cataract, or by cutting a little window in the iris.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a title of God from the Old Testa-

A GOD OF TRUTH

ment. Copy it, and remember that God wants us to be truthful in word and deed. He hates lying, and wants us to hate it too.

**I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD HATES LYING**

Lesson VII.

THE APOSTLES IMPRISONED

February, 14, 1909

Acts 5 : 17-32. Study Acts 5 : 17-32--Memory Verses, 19, 20.

Golden Text—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for their's is the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 5 : 10.



17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sad'ducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that they entered into the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Is'rael, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors : but when he had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence : for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council : and the high priest asked them, 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name ? and, behold, ye have filled Jeru'salem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 Then Pe'ter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Je'sus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Is'rael, and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are his witnesses of these things ; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

God had given to Peter and the other apostles such wonderful power in working miracles, that great multitudes of sick people came from all over the country round about, to be healed.

The high priest and the Sadducees were very angry, when they heard this, and they put the apostles in prison. But in the night, the angel of the Lord came down from heaven and opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go up now to the temple, and preach the gospel to the people". And the apostles did as the angel commanded, going up early to the temple

and preaching there.

But the high priest and the Sadducees, not knowing that the angel had set the prisoners free, called the rulers together, and sent to the prison to have the apostles brought. But when the officers went to the prison, they could not find them ; so they came back to the rulers, saying, "We found the prison still tight shut, and the guards keeping watch before the doors, but the men for whom you sent us were not there".

The rulers wondered what this strange news could mean. But while they wondered, there came a messenger, who said,

"The men whom you put in prison are standing preaching in the temple". Then the officers went and brought the apostles before the rulers, yet without doing them any hurt, lest they should anger the people. And the high priest asked the apostles, "Did we not command you to speak no more about Jesus? And yet you still go on teaching His doctrine, till the whole city has heard it!"

Then Peter and the other apostles answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men. That same Jesus whom ye slew on the cross, God has raised up again as a Saviour, to give His people new and penitent hearts and forgiveness of their sins; and we, His apostles, are sent to tell you these things, which we have learned of Him." So the rulers, seeing how determined the apostles were, and fearing the people, allowed them to go, after cruelly beating them.

For one of their number, a learned man, who was much thought of, had said, "If what these men teach be not true, it will soon come to nothing; but if God has really sent them to preach to the people, you cannot stop them, and if you try to do so, you will be fighting against God".

And the apostles went out from before the rulers, glad that they had been permitted to suffer for the sake of Jesus. And every day they kept on preaching the gospel, both in the temple and in every house into which they went.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What power had God given to the apostles?
2. Who came to be healed?
3. Who were angry when they heard this?
4. What did they do to the apostles?
5. Whom did God send to deliver them?
6. What did the angel command the apostles to do?
7. Did the apostles obey?
8. Who were called together next morning?
9. Whither did these send their officers?
10. What report did the officers bring back?
11. What news did another messenger bring?
12. Before whom were the apostles then brought?
13. What did the high priest say to the apostles?
14. What did they answer?
15. What did they do when they were set free?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below,—
He follows in His train. Amen.
—Hymn 250, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—7. *What are the decrees of God?* A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

The Question on Missions

7. What is done for sick children in our mission hospitals? Very many are cured of malarial fever, others of abscesses, ulcers, and other painful sores. Some are cured of hip-joint disease, or disease of the spine, and many more, of loathsome skin diseases.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The enemies of Peter and John shut them up in the prison, but Jesus sent His angel to



open the prison doors. And He will always send help to His friends when they are in need. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME BRAVE

Lesson VIII. STEPHEN THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR February, 21, 1909

Acts 6 : 8-15; 7 : 54 to 8 : 3. Study Acts 6 : 1 to 8 : 3—Memory Verses, 7 : 55, 56.

Golden Text—And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.—Acts 7 : 59.



man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Ste'phen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Je'sus, receive my spirit.
60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Ch. 8 : 1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jeru'salem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Jude'a and Samar'ia, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Ste'phen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made hoveck of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As the apostles went on preaching and teaching and the number of disciples was greatly increased, they set apart seven deacons, to help them in taking care of the poor. One of these deacons, named Stephen, seemed to have special power given him from God, for he not only preached to the people, but did great miracles among them. This made some of the Jews very angry and jealous, and they stirred up the people against Stephen by telling them falsely that he had spoken evil words against Moses, their great leader, and against God. At last Stephen was made prisoner and was brought before the rulers. There, false witnesses said that they had heard him speaking against the temple, and against God's law, which He had given them by Moses.

Now Stephen was not afraid, when he

8 And Ste'phen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Liber'tines, and Cyre'nians, and Alexan'drians, and of them of Cilic'ia and of A'sia, disputing with Ste'phen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Mo'ses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law :

14 For we have heard him say, that this Je'sus of Naz'areth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Mo'ses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Ch. 7 : 54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Je'sus standing on the right hand of God.

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him : and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young

heard himself accused of doing these wicked things. He felt that God was with him to take care of him ; and this made him feel so happy, that his face shone like the face of an angel. And he began to speak fearlessly to the rulers, saying, that, so far from speaking against the law of God, he knew and loved it, even as they did ; and he told them plainly that they had killed those who were sent to tell them that Jesus was coming, and, at last, they had killed the Saviour Himself.

When the rulers heard these words, they were filled with rage against Stephen, and gnashed on him with their teeth like wild beasts. But he, looking up towards heaven, saw a glorious light there, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And he cried, " I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God". Then the

rulers cried out with loud voices against him, and stopped their ears, so that they should not hear what they thought were his wicked words. And they brought him out of the city, and stoned him with great stones. While they were treating him thus cruelly, he kneeled down on the ground, and prayed, "Lord, forgive them this sin". And having said this, he died as peacefully as if he had been falling asleep.

Now, among the Jews, when a man was stoned, the persons who had borne witness against him, always cast the first stones. And so the false witnesses who had spoken against Stephen cast the first stones at him. For this purpose, they took off their outer garments, and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul, that he might keep them safely. This Saul was likely one of the rulers who had agreed to put Stephen to death.

After this, there was a great persecution against the disciples. But good men took Stephen's dead body and mourned over it, and buried it. As for Saul, he did much harm, for he went into every house, to find those who believed on Jesus, and when he had found them, he took them, whether men or women, and dragged them away to prison.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did the apostles set apart to help them in their work? 2. Name one of these deacons. 3. What was he able to do besides preaching? 4. How did some of the Jews feel towards him? 5. What did these lyingly tell the people he had done? 6. Before whom was Stephen brought to be tried? 7. Of what did the false witnesses accuse him? 8. What reply did Stephen make? 9. How, did he say, God's people had acted towards Him? 10. What did the rulers do when they heard these things? 11. What vision did Stephen see? 12. What did he cry out? 13. What did the rulers then do? 14. How did they kill Stephen? 15. What was Stephen's last prayer for himself? 16. What was his prayer for his enemies? 17. Who threw the first stones at Stephen? 18. In whose charge did they leave their cloaks? 19. How did Saul treat those who believed on Jesus? 20. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

He who gladly bartered
 All on earthly ground :
 He who, like the martyrs,
 Says, ' I will be crowned ' :
 He whose one oblation
 Is a life of love,
 He shall win salvation
 With the blest above. Amen.
 —Hymn 253, 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—8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

The Question on Missions

8. Do Chinese patients show gratitude for healing? Very many of them do, and speak kindly of the foreign doctor to their friends at home, and bring other sick people to him. Many of them give donations towards the keeping up of the hospitals.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the picture, and remember how Stephen forgave even those who were stoning



him to death. So we should forgive all those who injure us in any way.

I Have Learned Today

JESUS WILL TAKE ME TO HEAVEN

Lesson IX.

THE GOSPEL IN SAMARIA

February 28, 1909

Acts 8 : 14-25. Study Acts 8 : 4-25—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.—Acts 8 : 6.



14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John :

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost :

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them : only they their were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money.

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter : for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wicked-

ness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

THE LESSON RETOLD

On account of the cruel persecutions, many of the disciples fled from Jerusalem. Wherever they went, they told the people of Jesus. Philip, who, like Stephen, was one of the seven deacons, went down to the city of Samaria, and preached to the people there. The miracles which he did, so filled the people of the city with wonder, that they listened to all that he said. For unclean spirits, when he commanded them, came out of those whom they had been tormenting, and the helpless and lame were made well. And there was great joy in the city, and many believed and were baptized.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard this, they sent Peter and John to help Philip in his work, who, when they came to Samaria, prayed that the Holy Spirit might be given to all those who had believed. Then they laid their hands on their heads, and God sent His Holy Spirit into them.

Now there was at Samaria a man named Simon, who, before that time, had deceived the people by pretending that he could do things for them by magic, until they all listened to his words, and said, "This man must have power given him of God". But when Philip began to preach the gospel in Samaria and many believed and were baptized, Simon also came, and said that he, too, believed, and asked to be baptized. So Philip baptized him, and he continued with Philip, wondering at the miracles which he did.

But when Peter and John came from Jerusalem, and Simon saw that, by the laying on of their hands, the Holy Spirit was given to those who believed, he went to them and offered to pay them money, if they would give him also, the power to bring down God's Holy Spirit from heaven upon any person upon whom he might lay his hands.

But Peter told him that he had done very wickedly in thinking that what God gave to those who loved Him, could be bought for money, and he said to Simon, "Repent of thy wickedness and ask God to forgive thee, for I see that thou art yet a wicked man and a servant of sin".

Then Simon was afraid, and begged, "Pray to the Lord, that His anger may not fall upon me!" And when the apostles had still further preached the gospel in Samaria, they went back to Jerusalem, preaching in many of the villages on the way. And so the good news about Jesus spread far and wide.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What caused many of the disciples to flee from Jerusalem? 2. What did they do wherever they went? 3. Who went to preach in Samaria? 4. What made the people ready to listen to him? 5. What caused great joy in that city? 6. Whom did the apostles send to help Philip? 7. What happened at the laying on of their hands? 8. What man in Samaria pretended to be a magician? 9. Where did the people think his power came from? 10. What did Simon ask of Philip? 11. Did Philip agree to this? 12. For what did Simon offer money to Peter and John? 13. In what did Peter say Simon had done wickedly? 14. How only could he be forgiven? 15. What did Simon beg? 16. Whither did the apostles return? 17. What did they do on their way back? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Lee Sin tottered painfully along the road, clasping some "cash" tightly in her little hot hand. There was a "praying-wheel", in the temple she was going to, and if she only paid enough money, perhaps it would pray long enough to make mother quite well again.

The priest in charge shook his head at Lee Sin's "cash". "Not enough", he told her roughly. Poor Lee Sin turned away broken-hearted. "Little girl", said a kind voice behind her, "you don't need money to pray to my God." And then the missionary told her about Jesus, and she went off happy, to pray to the true God to make her mother well. And God answered her prayer.

Lesson Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,
Let Thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me full of heaven and love.

Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine,
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine. Amen.
—Hymn 552, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 5-8.

The Question on Missions

9. What opportunities are there of teaching the gospel to the hospital patients? While waiting for treatment, all the men meet in the chapel and the women in another room, and there is always some one there to preach and sell Gospels and tracts. Those in the hospital wards who are well enough to be spoken to, are taught every day.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

When the apostles laid their hands on the heads of the disciples in Samaria, these received the Holy Spirit into their hearts.



And Jesus is just as willing now, as in those days, to give the Holy Spirit to all who ask Him. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME GLAD

Lesson X.

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

March 7, 1909

Acts 8 : 26-38. Study Acts 8 : 26-40—Memory Verses, 29-31.

Golden Text—Search the scriptures ; for in them ye think ye have eternal life : and they are they which testify of me.—John 5 : 39.



26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Phil'ip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jeru'salem unto Ga'za, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went : and, behold, a man of Ethio'pia, an eunuch of great authority under Can'dace queen of the Ethio'pians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jeru'salem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esai'as the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Phil'ip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Phil'ip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esai'as, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest ?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me ? And he desired Phil'ip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth :

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away : and who shall declare his generation ? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Phil'ip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this ? of himself, or of some other man ?

35 Then Phil'ip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Je'sus.

36 And as they went on *their way*, they came unto a certain water : and the eunuch said, See, *here is water*; what doth hinder me to be baptized ?

37 And Phil'ip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Je'sus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still : and they went down both into the water, both Phil'ip and the eunuch ; and he baptized him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Philip was preaching in Samaria, one day an angel of the Lord spoke to him, and told him to leave Samaria, and go through the wilderness towards the city of Gaza. And Philip started on his journey at once.

On the way, he came upon a man riding in a chariot,—a man from the land of Ethiopia, an officer of high rank, belonging to the court of the queen of that country, who took care of all her treasure. He had been to Jerusalem to worship at the temple, and was earnestly reading the scriptures on his way home. The part which he was reading, was the wonderful fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, which pictures so clearly the sufferings of the Saviour.

When Philip saw this stranger turn, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Go near to the chariot, and speak to this man". So Philip ran immediately, and drawing near the chariot, he heard the man reading aloud the words which the prophet Isaiah had written ; and Philip spoke to him, saying, "Do you understand what you are reading ?"

The man answered, "How can I understand it, until some one explains it to me". Then he invited Philip to come into the chariot beside him, and asked him, "Do you understand what the prophet meant when he wrote these words ? Did he write them about himself, or about some other man ?" And he read, once again, the words of Isaiah, in which the prophet tells his people of a

Saviour who was to come into the world and die for their sins,—a man, meek and lowly, as Jesus had been ; and who would, instead of being welcomed, be cruelly put to death.

Philip explained these words to the eunuch, and told him all about Jesus, and how He had been sent by God into the world, to take away the sins of all people. And as they rode along together they came to a place where there was water, and the officer said, "See, here is water—what is to prevent me from being baptized?" And Philip answered, "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest". "I do believe!" said the officer, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So the chariot was stopped, and the two men went down into the water, and Philip baptized him, as a sign that he believed on Jesus as His Saviour. And when they came up again, the Holy Spirit took Philip away, and the officer saw him no more ; but he went back to his own land full of joy, because he had heard about Jesus and had become one of His disciples.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who appeared to Philip one day ? 2. Whither did the angel tell Philip to go ? 3. Whom did he meet on the way ? 4. What was this man doing ? 5. What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do ? 6. What did he hear the officer reading ? 7. What question did Philip ask ? 8. What did the officer answer ? 9. What did he then invite Philip to do ? 10. What words of Isaiah did he say he could not understand ? 11. In whom, did Philip say, the words had already come true ? 12. What did the officer say, when they came to a certain water ? 13. Whither did the two

men go ? 14. What did Philip do ? 15. Of what was this a sign ? 16. What became of Philip ? 17. Of the officer ? 18. Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

See heathen nations bending
Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
In gratitude above ;
While sinners, now confessing,
The gospel call obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing,
A nation in a day. Amen.

—Hymn 445, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD STUDY GOD'S WORD

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—9. *What is the work of creation?* A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. 10. *How did God create man?* A. God created man male, and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

The Question on Missions

10. Do many of the patients become Christians ? Of the outdoor patients, who come and go away the same day, not very many are reached ; but of the patients who stay in the hospital for some time, many become Christians. Our first convert in Honan was a patient cured of blindness.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



A missionary is one who is sent to carry the gospel to others. Jesus wants us all to be missionaries for Him. And if we love Him, it will make us very glad to tell others about Him, even as Philip was glad to tell the Ethiopian stranger. Color the picture.

Lesson XI.

ÆNEAS AND DORCAS

March 14, 1909

Acts 9 : 31-43—Memory Verses, 40 to 41.

Golden Text—And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.—Acts 9 : 34.



31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæ'a and Galil'ee and Samar'ia, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Pe'ter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lyd'da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æne'as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Pe'ter said unto him, Æne'as, Je'sus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'da and Sar'on saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tab'itha, which by interpretation is called Dor'cas : this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died : whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'da was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Pe'ter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber : and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed ; and turning *him* to the body said, Tab'itha, arise. And she opened her eyes : and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Si'mon a tanner.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the churches throughout Judea and Galilee had rest from persecution. The fierce Saul had become a follower of Jesus. The wonderful story will be told at the beginning of next Quarter. The Holy Spirit guided the disciples and made them strong. Many more people joined them.

As Peter went through the land, visiting the churches, he came to the village of Lydda. There he heard of a man named Æneas, who had been ill of palsy for eight long years. Peter went in to see him, and said, " Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee well. Rise up, and make thy bed". And immediately Æneas, perfectly cured, got up from the bed where he had lain for so many years. And when the

people who lived in Lydda and round about saw that Æneas was made well, they believed on Jesus.

Now at Joppa, a city not far from Lydda, there lived a follower of Jesus named Dorcas. This woman was full of kindness, and was always making things for the poor, or doing them good in some other way. Now, while Peter was at Lydda, Dorcas fell ill and died ; and they laid her in an upper chamber ; and the disciples sent two men asking Peter to come to them quickly in their trouble.

So Peter hurried back with the messengers, and they took him into the room where Dorcas lay. And the poor widows whom she had helped were standing about, mourning, and

showing the clothes she had made them.

But Peter put every one out of the room, and kneeled down and prayed. Then, turning to the dead body, he said, "Dorcas, arise!" And she wakened, like one who had been asleep, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And Peter reached out his hand and helped her to rise, and calling to those in the house, he presented Dorcas to them alive. And they were all filled with joy, and many more people believed in Christ, because Dorcas had thus been raised from the dead.

Peter remained for a long time in the city of Joppa, lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner.

Questions on the Lesson

1. From what, at last, had the church throughout Judea and Galilee rest? 2. Who became a follower of Jesus? 3. What happened day by day? 4. Who went through the land visiting the churches? 5. To what village did he come? 6. Who did he hear was ill? 7. What did Peter say when he saw Æneas? 8. What then happened? 9. What was one result of this miracle? 10. What good woman lived in Joppa? 11. How had she shown her kindness? 12. What happened to her when Peter was at Lydda? 13. To whom did the disciples send? 14. Whom did Peter find standing in the room when he came? 15. What did he do, after putting every one out of the room? 16. What strange thing then happened? 17. Who were led, by the raising of Dorcas, to believe in Jesus? 18. How long did Peter stay in Joppa? 19. In whose house did he live? 20. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A little seed lay buried deep in the ground. "Oh, dear!" she sighed, "I'm dead, dead and done for!" And then she felt something warm and wet and trickly all about her. "Oooh-oooh! how lovely it felt!" And soon the sun shone down on the soft wet earth. "Come along, little seed", it cried coaxingly, "come up into the air and the sunshine." And the little seed tried and struggled—oh so hard! Then suddenly she felt something crack. "Why, I'm growing—growing bigger!" she cried delightedly. "I'll soon get out of here, at this rate!" And, sure

enough, she soon stretched her little green arms up into the air.

Lesson Hymn

The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer:
O, hear the voice of Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 544, 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.

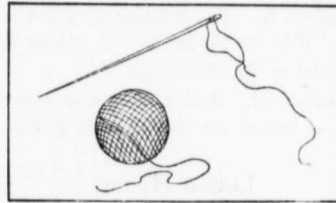
SHORTER CATECHISM—11. What are God's works of providence? A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Question on Missions

11. What special need is there of women doctors in Honan? In Honan, as in other Eastern countries, women come much more readily to a woman doctor than to a man. Women, too, are allowed to enter many homes where young women and girls are kept secluded.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a needle and thread. They remind us of how Dorcas made garments for the poor



people. Copy the picture, and remember that we can all do deeds of kindness to others.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN RAISE THE DEAD

Lesson XII.

REVIEW

March 21, 1909

Golden Text—They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.—Acts 8: 4.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. (As the Quarterly Review of the Lessons comes one Sabbath in advance this Quarter, the Review of the Supplemental Lessons will be given with Lesson XIII. for next Sabbath.)

Lesson People

Lesson I. Here are twelve men looking up into heaven after One ascending in a cloud, and two other men in shining garments. *Who can tell who these all are?*

Lesson II. In this Lesson, we see a large company of men and women, a flame of fire like a tongue sitting on each of them, and a great crowd of people gathered from many countries into one city. *Who are the people in the first company? What is the name of the city to which the crowds have come? For what feast have they come?*

Lesson III. One man preaching to a great multitude,—this is what we see in Lesson III. *Who is the preacher? How many were saved by his sermon?*

Lesson IV. This Lesson tells of two men, and another man lying helpless before them. *Who are the two? What did they do for the helpless one?*

Lesson V. Here we see the same two men as in last Lesson, now standing before a company of rulers. *What did these rulers forbid the two to do? Give the answer of the two men.*

Lesson VI. A man who sold all his property; another man who told a lie to God; and a woman who joined in the lie,—Name these three people.

Lesson VII. Twelve men are in prison. Some other men come to find them, and they are gone. This is in the story of Lesson VII. *Who are the twelve? How were they set free? Who came seeking them?*

Lesson VIII. In this Lesson a young man is being killed by stoning. Standing by and looking on, is another young man. *Give the name of each of these.*

Lesson IX. One man, in this Lesson, is offering money to another man. *By whom is the money being offered? What wrong thing is he trying to do with it? Who is the other man?*

Lesson X. The two men in this Lesson are seated in a chariot, talking earnestly to each other. *Who are the two men? About whom did one of them tell the other? What happened at the end of the conversation?*

Lesson XI. A sick man, a woman who has died, and a man who makes the sick man well, and brings the woman back to life,—all these people are in Lesson XI. *Name each of them.*

Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,
Send the blessed tidings all the world around!
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,
'Whosoever will' may come!

'Whosoever will! whosoever will!
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;
'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home:
'Whosoever will' may come! Amen.

—Hymn 457, 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 9-11.

The Question on Missions

12. What new hospital work should be begun? Our hospitals should each have at least two doctors; better wards should be built, and nurses should be trained; schools should be built for the blind and for the deaf and dumb, and an asylum for the insane.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD FIND SOME WORK TO DO FOR JESUS

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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| <p>LESSON I. The Ascension of Our Lord.</p> | <p>LESSON VII. The Apostles Imprisoned.</p> |
| <p>LESSON II. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.</p> | <p>LESSON VIII. Stephen the First Christian Martyr.</p> |
| <p>LESSON III. The Beginnings of the Christian Church.</p> | <p>LESSON IX. The Gospel in Samaria.</p> |
| <p>LESSON IV. The Lame Man Healed.</p> | <p>LESSON X. Philip and the Ethiopian.</p> |
| <p>LESSON V. The Trial of Peter and John.</p> | <p>LESSON XI. Æneas and Dorcas.</p> |
| <p>LESSON VI. True and False Brotherhood.</p> | <p>LESSON XIII. Temperance Lesson.</p> |

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

March 28, 1909

BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 1-20. SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 1-11. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—580, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

Proverbs 23 : 29-35—Memory Verses, 29, 30.

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



THE LESSON RETOLD

Many, many, years before Christ came into the world, there lived a wise man, who, besides being the very wisest man that ever lived, was a king of Israel—King Solomon. Many of the wise things which he said were so helpful to old and young, and so instructive and full of warning against evil, that they were collected into a book, called, The Book of Proverbs, which now forms a part of the Old Testament.

There was one particular evil that King Solomon hated very much ; so that, in this book of his, he mentions it often, and always with a warning to everybody to keep far, far away from it. This was the sin of drunkenness, a sin which the people in the world to-day need to be warned against, as much as those who lived in the time of King Solomon.

Solomon, in one place, draws a very sad picture of a drunkard returning home, after spending a night feasting and drinking with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

evil companions. It had seemed pleasant enough while it lasted, but soon the poison in the wine had taken away the man's senses ; and his heartless companions had knocked and kicked him about at their will, because he was too helpless to protect himself, until he was covered with wounds and bruises, which, with his red and swollen eyes, made the man a sad spectacle of what that dreadful evil, drink, does. And yet, even after that, this man would not be warned against his evil ways. He had become such a slave to this bad habit, that he could not give it up, and went on caring for it more and more.

"And so", said Solomon, "this beautiful wine that looks so rich and red and sparkling in the glass, at last biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." These were two of the most dreaded reptiles of that Eastern country. They often darted out from hidden and unexpected places, and attacked people who had not thought of danger, and the bite of each was poisonous and deadly. So it was with wine. Before a man was aware of it, this wine, which seemed so harmless, would bring him to certain ruin and destruction.

And drunkenness brings other sins with it. It takes away a man's love of what is good and right, and his love of truth, until nobody will believe or trust him. He cannot even respect himself, for he may often do foolish and senseless things, which make him feel thoroughly ashamed, when he becomes sober again.

To allow oneself to come to such a state was, Solomon said, just as senseless and dangerous as to try to lie down on the crest of a wave or on top of a high ship's mast, for, in the end, it would bring death not only to the body, but to the mind and soul, as well.

Surely it will be a wise thing for us to obey the counsel of King Solomon, when he says, "Look not thou upon the wine". For, although it is beautiful and bright as it sparkles in the glass, it is sure to bring sorrow and woe upon all who use it.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the wisest man that ever lived? 2. What book did he write? 3. Against what sin does Solomon, in the Lesson, warn people? 4. Of what does he draw a sad picture? 5. How had the drunkard spent the night? 6. How had his companions treated him? 7. What did he then look like? 8. Why did he not give up drink? 9. Like what does strong drink bite? 10. Like what does it sting? 11. Tell of some other sins that drunkenness brings with it. 12. What two foolish acts does Solomon describe? 13. Why is drunkenness as foolish and dangerous as these? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

An old teacher was once walking through the woods with one of his scholars. Suddenly he stopped, and pointed to four plants close at hand. "Pull up that first plant", he said to the boy. And he easily pulled it up with his fingers. "Now, the second." Again the boy obeyed, but not so easily. "And now the third." It took all the strength in both the boy's arms to succeed this time. "And now", said the teacher, "try your hand at the fourth." But the trunk of the tall tree hardly shook its leaves in the hands of the young boy.

"This is just what happens, my boy", said the old teacher, kindly, "with our bad habits and passions. When they are small, we can get rid of them easily; but when we allow them to grow, it takes a hard fight to overcome them."

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near.

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way. Amen.
—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT STRONG DRINK DESTROYS
BODY AND SOUL

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Strong drink is one of the worst enemies we can have. The only way to be safe from it, is never to taste the first glass. Then this enemy can do us no harm. Copy the text.

Wine is a Mocker

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.; so here is a place to do this 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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