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And so, you are to be promoted when the New Year comes, and to have the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, and THE KING'S OWN, instead of the PRIMARY QUARTERLY and JEWELS. You are glad. So are we; because we like to see the little ones stretching up, and growing taller and wiser, and, we trust, better as well. But we are glad, too, that all the little ones are not big, and that there is a larger army than ever, who will read JEWELS week by week this coming year, and have the PRIMARY QUARTERLY to help them to prepare their lessons.

AS THE CHILD SEES IT

By Mary Adair

"Father!" said the wee girlie, who was dragging along a few paces behind, "if you would go nice and slow, like Mr. Jones (the policeman on the block) I could always keep up with you."

It was a good suggestion, and might give us a hint for the spiritual walk, as well as the physical. The little one would dearly love to keep step with father, but the feet are small and weak.

"My child, I don't want you to sit on the window sill looking at those people: it's very naughty; come and we'll have a good time cutting pictures out of this old picture book." So the mother and child spent a delightful afternoon.

The next day mother had to go down town; so she left, saying, as mothers do, "Now be a good little girl until mother comes back."

On her return, she asked, "Well! has my little girl been good?"

"Yes," said the child, "I was good for a while, and then I was very naughty."

"What did you do when you were bad?" said her mother.

"I sat on the window sill and looked at the people."

"And what did you do when you were good?"

"O mother, you will be so glad, see all the nice pictures I cut;" and to her mother's horror and dismay, she found a book of valuable prints mutilated and worthless, from the ragged cutting of unskilled little fingers.

"O you dreadful child, how could you be so naughty?" said the distracted mother.

It was very dreadful, of course; but just think, too, of the shock and surprise to the child; what a confusion to find the thing that was so good to do yesterday all wrong to-day, and the thing that was called naughty yesterday bringing no rebuke at all to-day.

Hawthorne says, that "people without imagination are like horses with blinders on." Nowhere is imagination more valuable than in dealing with little children. If we could get such a perspective upon our own childhood, that we could see how many, many experiences we had to live over and over, before we could generalize at all, or form any standard of moral action, it would surely help us at least to be patient. How slowly reason develops. A child has tried, in his own way, many hundred times to get the relation between cause and effect, before he is able even to articulate, for the first time, that simple word "because."

Off with the blinders! See childhood

sometimes from the child's point of view, and don't expect the inexperienced feet of the little ones to keep step with yours yet: little legs must have time to grow long and strong—

"O little feet, that such long years
Must wander on thro' hopes and fears
I, nearer to the wayside rim
Where toil may cease and rest begin,
Am weary—thinking of your road."

MILLY'S LESSON

Milly lay in the window on the sofa, propped up with pillows, watching the children playing outside.

"Oh, dear," said she, "if I could only go out and play," and the tiniest bit of a frown gathered between the blue eyes. "If it wasn't for this horrid old sprained ankle I could go," she continued, pettishly.

Just then mama came into the room with a skein of bright colored wool in her hands.

"Where is the good fairy who wants to help me wind yarn," she said with a smile.

"Tell me a story, mama, about when you were a little girl," said Milly eagerly, when they had finished winding the wool.

Mama was thoughtful for a moment, then she said tenderly: "Once upon a time long ago, there was a little girl who had everything her heart could wish for, and yet she was always discontented. She was selfish and spent all the time thinking about herself. One day she fell from her swing in the orchard, and hurt her poor little back so badly that it was thought she would never be able to walk again. At first it was very hard for the little girl, who had always been active, but after a year in a plaster-of-paris cast she began to realize how selfish and ungrateful she had been. 'If I ever get well,' she used to say, 'I'll try to make everybody happy.'

"'Why not commence now,' said her mother one day. 'You can be bright and cheery even when the pain is the worst, and you can be happy in seeing other people happy.'

"This set the little girl to thinking, and from that time she seemed more thoughtful and was kinder to others. No one ever heard

her complain. Of course, she had a hard fight with herself, but she won in the end."

"Did she ever get well, mama?" asked Milly eagerly.

"Yes, dear, and she lived to grow up. Then God sent her a dear little girl whom she named Milly."

"You, mama!" exclaimed Milly in astonishment. "Were you ever impatient or cross?"

"I'm sorry to say I was, dear, and I had to have a hard lesson to teach me patience. You don't need such a severe one. But in everything that God sends to us, there is a lesson for each of us to learn.

"Mama," said Milly soberly, "I'm so glad you told me this story, and I'm going to ask Jesus to help me to be good and patient."

THE MISSION OF ANN MARY

The train was whizzing over the shining rails very fast indeed. Bunny, her little nose pressed flat against the car window, wished it wouldn't hurry so

"Oh, Mama, see those sheep nibbling grass? Quick Mama! My, they're gone! but here are some cows instead, do you see?"

Across the aisle another small girl looked out of the window, but she did not chatter, for she had no one to chatter to.

When Bunny spied her she was all curiosity. "She looks dreffle lonely, Mama. Where do you s'pose her folks are? Can't I go and ask her?"

So, presently, the other little girl heard a sweet voice at her elbow. "What is your name, please? And where is your mama?"

"My name is Lotta," she answered, smiling shyly, "and my mama is in heaven, thank you. Papa's sick, so I'm being sent to my Aunt Johanna's till he gets well."

"But who's taking care of you?" asked Bunny, her eyes very big.

"God and the conductor. Even if the conductor forgot me, God wouldn't you know. Course it's kind of lonesome, but it wouldn't be if you should sit beside me."

"Well, I'll tell mama, and get Ann Mary—she's my dearest dollie. P'r'aps you'd like to hold her; she isn't 'fraid of strangers."

Meantime the cars were hurrying on, till by and by Bunny and her mama must get off. Two big tears came into Lotta's eyes when Bunny kissed her good-bye, but she smiled bravely and held out Ann Mary. "Thank you," she said for letting me hold her. Mrs. Brown didn't believe in dollies much, but p'r'aps Aunt Johanna"—

"It doesn't make any difference whether she does or not, Ann Mary's lots of company and Ann Mary's going right along with you."

As she stood on the platform watching the train go on, Bunny could see a happy face against the window with Ann Mary's close beside it.—The Mayflower.

Rev. G. H. Smith, D.D.
BABY EYES

Do we ever realize how far into the heart of Jesus the little ones may have seen, whom He took in His arms, and upon whom, with eye uplifted to His Father in heaven, and theirs, He blessed?

In truth, the undimmed vision of these little souls is marvellously clear. Their very simplicity is their advantage. Their little feet go tripping "far ben" into the things of God, when the halting, doubting footsteps of older people get no further than the threshold.

A bereaved father writes of a dear child of two and a half years, snatched away by a terrible accident:

"Frederick had a wonderful knowledge for a child of his years. His mother gave her Sunday afternoons to instruct him from a picture roll, as she felt his little mind could grasp her teaching.

"The picture of the Good Shepherd had a peculiar fascination for him. His own interpretation was—'King Jesus had the little Abeck lamb in His arms,' for he always called himself Abeck (Frederick), 'and the father sheep and the mother sheep were looking up.'

"One day he startled me by telling me that 'King Jesus lived up in the sky,' and 'Abeck wants to go and see King Jesus.'

"Pardon my writing," the stricken father adds, "but I know the interest you take in children, and I want to say to our Sunday School teachers, especially of the Primary

classes, that little minds can grasp the meaning of salvation better than we think."

AN AUTUMN SONG

What are the birdies singing
 As in long, long flocks they fly?
 The birdies all are singing,
 "Good-by, dear Summer, good-by.
 We'll sing to-day
 'Mong leaves so gay,
 For dear old Summer
 Is going away."

What are the small clouds saying
 That float through the hazy sky?
 The small clouds now are saying,
 "Good-by, dear Summer, good-by.
 For don't you know
 We'll soon bring snow,
 To snugly cover
 All things below."

What are the breezes telling
 That through the branches sigh?
 The breezes now are telling
 The dear old Summer good-by.
 "We'll gently sigh
 Through branches high,
 Good-by, dear Summer,
 Good-by, good-by."

—Child Garden

THE RAINDROP'S STORY

One rainy day, as a sprightly little field-mouse was sitting near the door of his house, greedily chewing a grain of corn, a raindrop fell on a leaf beside him.

"Where did you come from?" asked the mouse, looking anxiously at the rain-drop.

"From the sky," answered the raindrop, very readily; "but my real home is in the sea. One day, as I was playing with my brothers and sisters, the hot sun shone upon us, and drew many of us up into the sky. We came close together and formed a white, fleecy cloud. Pretty soon a chilly wind began to blow. We became so heavy we could not stay up in the clear air. We came tumbling down, and I have alighted here to—" but just then a sparrow gobbled the raindrop up so quickly that he did not finish his story.

Every little raindrop has its work to do just as every little child has. If this one

had not gone to quench the thirst of one of God's sparrows, it might have given new life to a blade of grass or a pretty flower of the field. God cares for all his little creatures, and gives each one work to do for him.

GOD TRAINING HIS PEOPLE

We have reached the half-way house. For three months we have followed the path of God's ancient people. How like they are to ourselves—often so wayward and disobedient. But God was kind and patient towards them. And He is just as kind and patient towards us. He takes so great pains, to keep us in the right way and to bring us back when we have wandered. In the lessons of the new, as in those of the previous Quarter, we see :

GOD TRAINING HIS PEOPLE

1. By imparting power.
2. By providing for the needy.
3. By restoring life.
4. By healing disease.
5. By protecting from enemies.
6. By punishing evil-doers.
7. By encouraging love of God's house.
8. By reproving sin.
9. By warning against strong drink.
10. By recalling to Himself.
11. By banishing sinful ones.
12. By claiming entire service.
13. By sending the Prince of Peace.

PLAYING RUTH AND NAOMI

"Edith," said grandma, as a lonely little girl went up the road, "why don't you play with Amy now?"

Grandmothers have time to think, although their fingers are the busiest; and this grandma had seen Amy dropped from the little circle of playmates. She knew, too, what trouble had come to Amy's home.

"I don't know," said Edith.

"You used to go to Amy's often, and no one enjoyed her carriage more than Edith."

"She always asked me, grandma, and her mother was glad."

"Wouldn't she be glad to have you now?"

"Perhaps," said Edith; "but things seemed so different after their home was

sold. I felt queer and Amy felt queer. So I stayed away."

"If I were Edith," said grandma, speaking slowly to some one far away, "I'd go to Amy and give back some of the pleasure she gave me long ago."

Grandma went on sewing, and Edith read her book. Suddenly she sprang up, dropped the book on the table, and not long after, another little girl went up the road.

"Amy," said Edith, going into the tiny parlor, "I've brought you some of the apples you like from our orchard. Didn't we have fun bobbing for them in your kitchen?"

"Oh!" said Amy. Then what do you think she did? Sat down and cried.

"Why, Amy, aren't you glad I came?"

"So glad, I'm just finding out how sorry I was!"

"I'll never stay away again," said Edith, putting her arms around Amy.

"Did you play Ruth to Naomi?" asked grandma, when Edith told her about it, with flushed cheeks.

"I don't know what you mean, grandma."

"Ruth stayed with Naomi when she needed her badly—when she had lost everything else."

"Amy hasn't lost everything else, but she won't lose me either, grandma, darling."

TWO LITTLE BROOKS

By Adelbert F. Caldwell

"I'm tired," so pouted a wee selfish brooklet,

"Of giving my water away;

If I should keep on with this giving and giving,

I'd have none myself, some day."

So it hoarded it up. Soon hushed was its singing,

A green slimy pool it became;

No birds stopped to dip in its ill-smelling waters—

You never would guess it the same.

But a wise little brook near by in the meadow,

Went murmuring gladly away:

"The more I bestow, the more room for receiving

Is given to me each day."

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Mrs Jackson

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1904

I. HYMN. "Lord, a little band and lowly," Hymn 543, Book of Praise.

II. RECITE.

Little eyes, little eyes, softly close in worship now ;
Fold the hands, bow the head, while we whisper soft and low.
(Prayer by teacher, class repeating.)

III. OFFERINGS. Sing. (Tune 489, Book of Praise.)

Hear the pennies dropping, listen as they fall,
Everyone for Jesus, He shall have them all.
Dropping, dropping ever, from each little hand,
'Tis our gift to Jesus, from His little band.

IV. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. On Prayer.

Teacher. What is prayer?

Class. Asking God for what we wish from the heart, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for what He has done for us.

Teacher. To whom do we pray?

Class. We pray to God, our loving heavenly Father.

Teacher. In whose name do we pray to our Father?

Class. We pray in the name of Jesus, God's Son and our Saviour.

Teacher. Are we sure that God will answer our prayers?

Class. Yes. For Jesus says, "Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Teacher. How should we offer our prayers?

Class. In faith. For Jesus also says, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Teacher. Let us pray. (Brief prayer.)

V. SING. "Saviour, teach me day by day," Hymn 575, Book of Praise.

VI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

VII. SING.

O, what can little hands do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little hands some work may try
To help the poor in misery :
Such grace to mine be given.

O, what can little lips do
To please the King of Heaven?
The little lips can praise and pray,
And gentle words of kindness say :
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise.

VIII. RECITATION. Psalm 121.

IX. DISMISSAL HYMN.

2 Kings 2 : 12-22—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.—2 Kings 2 : 9.

he said, Ye shall not send. 17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men ; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jer'icho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto Eli'sha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth : but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters ; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Eli'sha which he spake.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Miss Violet Robinson
Teacher

As Elisha watched Elijah disappear into heaven in a chariot of fire, he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in pieces, as a sign of mourning for the loss of his master. Suddenly he noticed something lying on the ground. It was Elijah's long cloak, which he had dropped as he went upwards. Elisha quickly picked it up, and remembering the wonders that his master had worked by means of it, he folded it together, and running to the Jordan, he struck the water with it, saying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

Then the river divided, so that Elisha crossed over and came to the spot where the fifty prophets were awaiting him. Seeing what Elisha had just done, the young men

12 And Eli'sha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Is'rael, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more : and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of Eli'jah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jor'dan :

14 And he took the mantle of Eli'jah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Eli'jah ? and when he also had smitten the waters they parted hither and thither : and Eli'sha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jer'icho saw him, they said, The spirit of Eli'jah doth rest on Eli'sha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men ; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master : lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And

now came near, and bowed themselves before Elisha, saying, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha." By this, Elisha knew that he must take Elijah's place before the people as God's messenger.

Though the prophets had been watching from afar, only Elisha knew that Elijah had indeed gone into heaven. The prophets now said to Elisha, "See! We are strong and ready. Let thy servants now go and search in the wilderness. Who knows but the Spirit of God has taken thy master to some lonely mountain-top or valley, where we may find him?" But Elisha answered, "You shall not go." However, when they urged him, though he knew it was of no use, he consented. The prophets when they had

searched three days without finding Elijah, returned to Elisha, who was now at Jericho.

Now Jericho was one of the most ancient cities of Israel, it being the very place where the walls fell before the Israelites, after they had marched around it seven days, when they first came into the land of Canaan.

As soon as the citizens of Jericho heard that Elisha was come, they came to him saying, "The situation of our city is pleasant, but the water is bad. It is good neither to drink nor to water the land."

"Put some salt into a new dish or bowl," said Elisha, "and bring it to me." Then Elisha went to the town spring, and threw into it the salt, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters." From that day the water was good and pure.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Elijah drop as he went towards heaven?
2. What did Elisha do with it?
3. What did Elisha say as he struck the water?
4. How did the prophets greet him as he crossed the river?
5. What had they been doing when Elijah was taken up?
6. Why did the young men want to go and search for Elijah?
7. Did they find him?
8. To what city did Elisha go?
9. What did he do at Jericho?
10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Ruth came home from Mission Band with her eyes shining. "I've got to be a missionary" she said, "and leave my home and go and teach the heathen."

"I could hardly spare my little helper," said mother. "Being a missionary doesn't always mean going away from home, but doing little acts of kindness to those who need them right here."

"Begin on me, little sister," said George; "no heathen ever had gloves that were fuller of holes than mine." "Then there is the lame little Anderson boy," added mother. "I know a girl who can draw funny pictures that will make anybody laugh. I think you might give him a happy hour." And soon Ruth was hard at work with needle and pencil, never thinking that she was indeed a little home missionary.

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, give us
Each a lowly mind ;
Make us more like Jesus,
Gentle, pure, and kind.

Holy Spirit, help us
Daily by Thy might,
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right. Amen.
—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

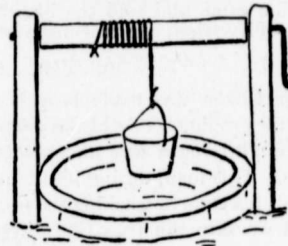
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 116. What is meant by the gospel? The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

In the hot, dry Eastern countries, wells of water are very precious. The thirsty traveller on the dusty road looks eagerly for



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them. The pure sparkling water, so cool and refreshing, is a picture of the blessings Jesus gives to us. These bring gladness and joy to our hearts. And He offers them to us all so freely and lovingly.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I MAY HAVE GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

THE WIDOW'S OIL INCREASED

October 9, 1904

2 Kings 4 : 1-7—Memory Verses, 5-7.

Golden Text—Trust in the Lord, and do good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalm 37 : 3.



7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Elisha was made head of the schools of the prophets, one of the younger prophets died, leaving a wife and two half-grown boys. This man, during his lifetime, had spent all his time in teaching the people to love and worship the true God. Every one spoke well of him for his good works.

When the father was dead, the mother and the two boys became miserably poor. Worse than all, they were in debt, and because they had nothing to pay, the man to whom they owed money threatened to take the two boys to be his slaves, either to work for him, or to be sold in payment of the debt. In her trouble the mother thought of Elisha. She had heard what he had done for the people of Jericho. Perhaps he would help her.

As soon as the woman came to him, Elisha asked kindly, "What can I do for you?" When he heard who she was and all about her troubles, he inquired if she had done everything she could to help herself. Thinking perhaps she could sell something and so pay her

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead ; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord : and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels ; borrow not a few,

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her ; and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

debt, he said, "Tell me what you have in your house?" But the woman had long since parted with everything she could sell, and answered sadly, "Thy handmaid has nothing in the house but one small pot of oil only."

"Go home quickly," said the prophet, "and borrow from your neighbors all the empty jars and pitchers you can get, the more the better. Then go into your house with your two sons, and when you have shut the door, begin to pour the oil from your own pot into the empty jars, setting each one aside as it is full." And the woman did as Elisha had said. But when she began to pour the oil, her sons helping her by bringing and taking away the jars, it became increased so much, that before long every pitcher and jar was full to the brim.

Seeing that there was still oil in the pot, the mother told her sons to bring another empty jar ; but none could be found, so she stopped pouring. Closing the door upon the pots, she now ran to Elisha to ask what she

should next do. "Go, sell the oil," said the prophet, "and pay your debt, and you and your sons shall live upon the rest." So the woman paid her debt, and spent the rest of her days in comfort.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Elisha in great trouble?
2. What did the man to whom she owed money threaten to do?
3. What kind of man had her husband been?
4. What did Elisha ask the woman?
5. How did she answer him?
6. What did he tell her to get from her neighbors?
7. What was she to do with the jars?
8. What happened when she began to pour the oil?
9. Why did she stop pouring?
10. Why did she return to Elisha?
11. For what did the woman use the oil?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

An Eastern king was once in need of a faithful and obedient servant, whom he found and tested in a rather strange way:—

Two men came seeking employment. He engaged them both, and set them to work to fill a basket with water from a neighboring well. After putting in one or two bucketfuls, one of them said, "I am not going to do such fool's work. As soon as we put the water in on one side, it runs out on the other."

The second man answered, "But we have our day's wages, haven't we? The use of the work is the master's business, not ours." "I am not going to do such fool's work," replied the other, and throwing down his bucket, he went away.

The other man continued to work, until about sunset he emptied the well. Looking down into it, he saw something shining at the bottom. He let down his bucket once more, and drew up a precious diamond ring. "Now I see the use of pouring water into a basket!" he exclaimed. "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been found in the basket. The labor is not useless after all."

At this moment the king came up to him, and as he bade the man keep the ring, he said, "Thou hast been faithful in a little thing; now I see I can trust thee in great

things. Henceforward thou shalt stand at my hand."

Lesson Hymn

God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all. Amen.

—Hymn 514, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. What command did Jesus give about the gospel before He left the world? Jesus told His disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How very safe the birds' nest looks in the branches of the tree! Here the young birds wait for the food which the mother is sure



to bring them. Far safer are those who trust themselves to the care of the loving heavenly Father. He will not let any real harm come to them, and He will give them all they need.

—
I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD PROVIDES FOR ME

Lesson III.

ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE

October 16, 1904

2 Kings 4 : 25-37. Study 2 Kings 4 : 8-37—Memory Verses, 32-35.

Golden Text—The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6 : 23.



25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Car'mel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Geha'zi his servant, Behold, *yonder is that Shun'ammitte* :

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet : but Geha'zi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone ; for her soul *is vexed within her* : and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he said to Geha'zi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way : if thou meet any man, salute him not ; and if any salute thee, answer him not again : and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said, *As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I*

will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Geha'zi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child ; but *there was neither voice, nor hearing.* Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Eli'sha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and laid upon his bed.*

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 And he went up and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands : and he stretched himself upon the child ; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro ; and went up, and stretched himself upon him : and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Geha'zi, and said, Call this Shun'ammitte. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Elisha travelled about the country, attending to his work as prophet, he often passed through Shunem, where lived a good woman and her husband, who had more than once invited him to dinner. One day this woman said to her husband, "It is plain that our guest is a holy man. Let us, therefore, build a little chamber for him on the wall of our house, and place in it a bed, a table, a seat and a candlestick, that he may stay with us whenever he comes to this part of the country." And it was done exactly as she had said to her husband.

In return for her goodness Elisha wished to do something for this woman, and, finding out that she had no children, and that what she most longed for was a little boy, Elisha promised that in return for her kindness to him God would surely send her a son. To her great joy the child came, and one day, after he had grown to be a boy, he begged to be allowed to go out with his father into the harvest field. But the sun was so hot that one of the reapers soon carried him fainting into the house, where he died soon afterwards in his mother's arms.

Without saying a word to anyone, the mother carried the boy upstairs and laid him on the bed in the prophet's room, and closing the door, she called a servant, and told him to go with her at once to Mount Carmel, where Elisha, the prophet, was then staying. When she was still some distance off, Elisha saw her, and fearing something was wrong, sent Gehazi, his servant, to see what was the matter. But the mother only pushed her way on up the hill to Elisha's house, where she fell speechless with grief at the prophet's feet.

Finding out at last that there was something wrong with the child, Elisha called Gehazi, and giving him his prophet's staff, told him to ride quickly down to Shunem and lay it upon the child's face. But seeing that the mother was not satisfied, Elisha then himself arose and rode swiftly back with her to the house, and went up alone to his little room in the wall, where the dead child lay upon the bed.

Closing the door behind him, Elisha now prayed earnestly to God, and then bent himself over the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and the child grew warm and sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Then Elisha called the mother, and gave her boy back into her hands, alive and well.

Some time after this, Elisha, knowing that a great famine was coming upon Israel, warned the Shunammite and her son to flee into Philistia, where they were kept alive for seven years, after which they returned to their old home.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did one family in Shunem show their love for Elisha? 2. How did the Lord reward them for their kindness to His prophet? 3. Whither did the child one day go with his father? 4. What happened to him in the field? 5. Where did the mother lay him when he died? 6. What did she tell her servant? 7. What did Elisha do when he saw her coming? 8. How did the mother meet Elisha? 9. What did Elisha decide to do? 10. Where did he go when he reached the house? 11. How was the child brought back to life? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Light of life, so softly shining
From the blood-besprinkled tree;
Never waning nor declining,
Shine, shine on me—

*Never waning nor declining,
Shine, shine on me. Amen.*

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

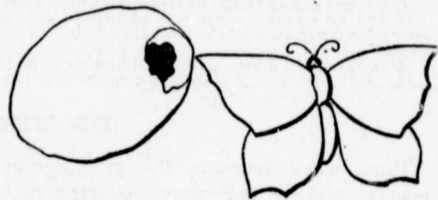
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—118. Has this command been completely fulfilled? No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How strange to think that the bright butterfly, now gaily dancing about among the flowers, was once wrapped closely up in the



egg-shaped cocoon! The time is coming when a more wonderful change shall take place in our bodies. Then they will be ready for their beautiful home in heaven with Jesus their Saviour.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD GIVES EVERLASTING LIFE

2 Kings 5 : 1-14. Study 2 Kings 5 : 1-19—Memory Verses, 10-14.

Golden Text—Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved.
—Jeremiah 17 : 14.



- 9 So Na'aman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Eli'sha.
10 And Eli'sha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jor'dan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
11 But Na'aman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
12 Are not Aba'na and Phar'par, rivers of Damas'cus, better than all the waters of Is'rael? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jor'dan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once, when Naaman, the great Syrian general, and his men were making a raid upon Israel, they took captive a little Israelitish girl, and brought her back to Naaman's wife to be her maid. This little girl had not lived very long in Naaman's home before she heard that her master, who was so much honored by his heathen king and the people, was a leper. His disease was one that no doctor could cure.

One day the slave child said to her mistress, "How I wish my master were in the land of Israel, where there is a great prophet, who I know could cure him of his leprosy!" After a time some one told the king what she had said. "Suppose," said the King of Syria to Naaman, "you go and try what this man can do for you, and I will give you a

1 Now Na'aman, captain of the host of the king of Sy'ria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Sy'ria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Sy'rians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Is'rael a little maid; and she waited on Na'aman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Sama'ria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Is'rael.

5 And the king of Sy'ria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Is'rael. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Is'rael, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold I have therewith sent Na'aman my servant to thee, that thou may'st recover him of his leprosy.

7 And it came to pass, when the king of Is'rael had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8 And it was so, when Eli'sha the man of God had heard that the king of Is'rael had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Is'rael.

letter introducing you to the King of Israel." So Naaman was persuaded to go, and taking with him his servants and horsemen, and a handsome present for the King of Israel, he came and laid the letter before him.

But when the King of Israel read what Naaman had come for, he was afraid and said, "Surely the King of Syria is seeking a quarrel with me. Who ever heard of anyone being cured of leprosy? It is impossible!" In his perplexity the king received a message from Elisha, saying, "Send your visitor to me, I will prove to him that there is a prophet in Israel."

But when Naaman came with his horses and servants and stood at Elisha's door, the prophet only sent a servant out to tell him, that if he would be cured, he must go and

dip himself seven times in the Jordan. Then Naaman was furious, thinking that Elisha had not shown him proper respect, and saying that he would bathe in his own rivers, he turned to go home.

"I would have thought," said the great general, turning his back upon Elisha's servant, "that the prophet, knowing who and what I was, would have come out and stood before me. Then I would expect him to call upon the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place of my disease, and so pronounce it cured."

But his servants said, "My master, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? At least try what he says." So Naaman at last consented, and went and bathed seven times in the Jordan, coming out the last time with his flesh firm and clean and soft, like that of a little child. He was completely cured.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Naaman? 2. What disease had he? 3. Who told him of the prophet in Israel? 4. How did the little girl come to be in Naaman's house? 5. Who persuaded Naaman to go to the land of Israel? 6. What did the King of Israel say when he saw him? 7. What message did Elisha send? 8. How did Elisha receive Naaman? 9. What did he tell him to do? 10. What made Naaman angry? 11. Who persuaded him to do as Elisha said? 12. How was he cured? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Some years ago a poor little girl wished to enter a certain Sunday School in a large city, but was told that the classes were so full there was no room for her. Bitterly disappointed, she went home, and telling no one of her plan, began to save her pennies to enlarge the church, that she and other children like her might be accommodated.

In less than a year she died, leaving a battered red purse, in which were found fifty-seven cents and a scrap of paper explaining for what they had been saved.

When the story got abroad, the poor child's pennies were made the beginning of a fund with which was built what is now a large hospital and Sunday School.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me—

Yes, Jesus loves me—

Yes, Jesus loves me,

The Bible tells me so. Amen.

—Hymn 554, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—119. What does God's word tell us about the spread of the gospel? God's Word tells us that the gospel shall be preached in all the world before the end comes.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

When Naaman washed himself in the river Jordan what a difference it made in him! His leprosy left him, and he became



perfectly well. Naaman's body needed cleansing from disease. Our hearts need to be cleansed from sin: Jesus will do this for us, if we go to Him.

I Have Learned Today
THAT I SHOULD HAVE FAITH IN GOD

2 Kings 6 : 8-23—Memory Verses, 15-17.

Golden Text—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psalm 34 : 7.



behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Sama'ria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Sama'ria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *thej were* in the midst of Sama'ria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them?* shall I smite *them?*

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Syrians were among the strongest enemies of Israel. But it often happened, when the King of Syria would send his army to fight against the Israelites, that Elisha would warn the King of Israel where the Syrians were about to encamp, in time for them to be chased out of the country.

Not knowing how his plans were discovered, the King of Syria began to suppose that there was a traitor in his own camp, who helped the Israelites, until one of his servants said, "It is none other than Elisha the prophet, who is at the bottom of the trouble. By some strange power he tells the King of Israel all our secrets." "Then he must be taken prisoner, and if possible put to death," answered the king.

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and,

behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Sama'ria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Sama'ria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *thej were* in the midst of Sama'ria.

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22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

So the Syrians came by night and surrounded the hill-town of Dothan where Elisha was staying, and when in the early morning Elisha's servant went out, he saw the whole valley full of Syrians, and came in crying, "Alas, master! what shall become of us?" But Elisha answered, "Fear not, there are more on our side than on theirs." And Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, open the eyes of my servant, that he may see." Then when the young man looked, he saw that the whole mountain between the prophet's house and the valley was filled with horses and chariots of fire, ready to protect his master and himself from the Syrians.

Then Elisha prayed that the Lord would send blindness among the Syrians, and when

they were stumbling against one another in confusion, Elisha went down among them, and telling them to follow him, he led them away past Dothan down to Samaria into the camp of the Israelites, where their eyes were opened.

Seeing the Syrians thus entrapped, the Israelites would have slain them, but Elisha said, "No, give them something to eat and drink and send them home." So for a time the Syrians gave Israel no more trouble.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who told the plans of the Syrians to the King of Israel? 2. How did the King of Syria at first think they were discovered? 3. How did he plan to punish Elisha? 4. What did Elisha say to his servant when he saw the Syrians? 5. What did his servant see when God opened his eyes? 6. How did the Lord confuse the Syrians? 7. Where did Elisha lead them? 8. What happened when they reached the camp of the Israelites? 9. What did Elisha prevent the Israelites from doing? 10. How did he treat his enemies? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'll master it," said the axe; and his blows fell heavily on the iron.

But every blow made his edge more blunt till he ceased to strike.

"Leave it to me," said the saw; and with his sharp teeth he worked backward and forward on its surface till they were all worn down and he fell aside.

"Ha, ha!" said the hammer; "I knew you wouldn't succeed. I'll show you the way."

But at the first fierce stroke off flew his head, and the iron remained as before.

"Shall I try?" asked the soft, small flame.

They all despised the flame; but he curled gently round the iron and embraced it, and never left it till it melted under his warm influence.

So it's the little deeds of kindness, and the little words of love, that, like the flame, often conquer where force fails, and in the end win. No amount of ugly temper can withstand the little word of love.

Lesson Hymn

God is my strong salvation,
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My light, my help, is near.

Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm to the fight I stand:
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand? Amen.
— Hymn 273, Book of Praise

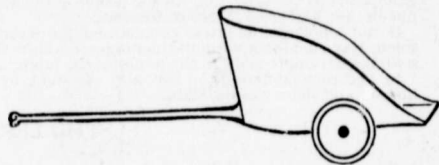
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—120. **What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour?** If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

In such a chariot as you see in the drawing, soldiers used to ride into battle. From the chariot they shot arrows at their ene-



mies. Even though dangers were around us like thickly flying arrows, God could keep us in safety from them. Since we are under His care, we need have no fear.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD TAKES CARE OF ME

JOASH THE BOY KING

November 6, 1904

2 Kings 11 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 10-12.

Golden Text.—When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.—Prov. 29 : 2.

cometh in. 9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

13 And when Ath'ali'ah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets; and Ath'ali'ah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house; and there was she slain.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The wife of the King of Israel was Athaliah, who, when her husband and son were dead, tried to make herself queen by putting her remaining children and grandchildren to death. But her sister, wishing if possible to save one of the princes alive, stole away the baby Joash, and hid him in the temple, where she and her husband, the high priest, took care of him.

When the boy was seven years old, the high priest sent for the chief rulers and captains of Israel, and showed them the prince, and, binding them by a solemn promise to be faithful to him, he appointed them to keep strict watch round about the temple to

1 And when Ath'ali'ah the mother of A'hazi'ah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

2 But Jehoi'sheba, the daughter of king Jo'ram, sister of A'nazi'ah, took Jo'ash the son of A'hazi'ah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Ath'ali'ah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Ath'ali'ah did reign over the land.

4 And the seventh year Jehoi'ada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur: and a third part at the gate behind the guard; so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain; and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he

cometh in on the sabbath, with them that should go

see that no harm came to the boy. And Jehoiada chose from them a royal guard, giving them the spears and shields of David, and when they had taken their place in order in God's house, he called Joash, and set him before them as their king.

Then the high priest took the crown that had once belonged to the boy's father, and put it upon the head of Joash, and handing him the book of God's law, he poured oil upon his head, as a sign that he proclaimed him king, in the name of the Lord. And all the people clapped their hands and cried, "God save the king!"

But suddenly the rejoicing was inter-

rupted, and Athaliah, hearing the noise of the cheering, rushed into the temple; and seeing the boy whom she had thought dead seated upon the throne, she tried to put an end to what was done, by shouting, "Treason! Treason!"

But it was too late. Immediately the high priest gave orders that she be driven from the temple, and that any one taking her part should be put to death. So the wicked Athaliah was driven out, and in trying to escape, was slain by the king's soldiers.

With the help of his uncle, the high priest, Joash now made a solemn covenant or agreement with the people, that they and he should obey and serve the Lord as long as he should live. Then, the coronation being ended, the people set Joash in their midst, and forming a great procession about him, they marched in triumph through the streets of the city, until they brought him in state to the palace where he should live.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What plan did Athaliah take to make herself queen? 2. Who was Joash? 3. By whom was he saved? 4. How long was he hid in the temple? 5. Who took care of him there? 6. What happened when he was seven years old? 7. Who were placed to watch about the temple? 8. Where was Joash crowned king? 9. What did the high priest put in his hands? 10. What did the people say? 11. How was the gathering interrupted? 12. What became of Athaliah? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Verses

The boy who always means to do
The very best he can;
Who always keeps the right in view,
And aims to be a man:

Such boys as these will grow to be
The men whose hands will guide
The future of our land; and we
Shall speak their names with pride.

All honor to the boy who is
A man at heart, I say;
Whose motto on his shield is this:
"Right always wins the day."

Lesson Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice. Amen.
—Hymn 69, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—121. **What becomes of our bodies when we die?** When we die our bodies return to dust. 122. **What becomes of our souls when we die?** The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

"On guard"! This is a word, not only for soldiers, but for each one of us as well. For many enemies are trying to hinder us



from following Jesus. But if we are always watchful, and ask Him to help us, we shall get the victory over every one of these enemies, however strong they be.

I Have Learned Today
THAT I MUST NOT DO WRONG

2 Kings 12 : 4-15—Memory Verses, 9-12.

Golden Text—We will not forsake the house of our God.—Nehemiah 10 : 39.

beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD : and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD : and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD :

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen : for they dealt faithfully.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The boy Joash was but seven years old when he was made king of Judah, so his uncle, Jehoiada, the high priest, for a time ruled in his place.

One of the first things that Joash did after he became king was, with his uncle's help, to destroy the idols set up by his heathen grandmother, Athaliah. Also with the king's permission, the people now went and tore down the temple of Baal, overthrowing the heathen altars, and made holy vessels and golden bowls in place of those that had been stolen by Athaliah's wicked sons from God's house and used in the heathen worship.

4 And Jeho'ash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance : and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jeho'ash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jeho'ash called for Jeho'iada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house ? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jeho'iada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it

beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD : and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD : and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

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14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen : for they dealt faithfully.

It was now almost one hundred and fifty years since the great temple at Jerusalem, which Solomon had built, was finished. Having been in use so long, it was by this time much out of repair.

As Joash had been brought up in the temple as a boy, he knew better than most that it needed re-building and mending. But nothing could be done without money. So Joash set aside a certain part of the people's tax-money, to be used by the priests for the purpose of repairing God's house.

But the plan proved a failure. There was not enough money given in to do what was

required, and the priests put off from year to year beginning the work, so that twenty-three years passed, and nothing was done.

Then the priests were called to account by the king, and decided to give up the right to the tax-money, and to hand over all they had received. In order that the re-building might begin at once, the king and Jehoiada now tried a new plan to collect money for the temple.

They took a large wooden box, and when they had cut a hole in the lid just large enough for a piece of money to pass through, they placed it on the right hand side of the temple altar. The priests who guarded the doorway received the offerings from the people as they were brought, and dropped them into the box.

As the chest became full, the priest and the king's secretary came and counted the money, and tying it up in bags, they paid it out to overseers, who had charge of the repairs, being careful to see that none of it was wasted. The overseers, in their turn, paid the carpenters, masons and builders, and in a short time the work upon God's house was finished, because every one who came to worship in the temple brought an offering with him, and placed it in the box which the king had provided.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How old was Joash when he became king? 2. Who helped him at first? 3. What was one of the first things he did? 4. What had Athaliah's sons stolen from the temple? 5. How were these replaced? 6. In what state did Joash find the temple? 7. Whom did he trust to repair it? 8. How long did the priests delay in beginning the work? 9. What new plan did Joash try to collect money for God's house? 10. Was there much or little put in the box? 11. How was the money spent? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

In the old schools of Greece it was the custom for pupils to bring gifts to their teachers at the beginning of each term.

Once, when the disciples of Socrates were going up with their presents, one poor youth hung back. But when all had presented

their gifts, he flung himself at his master's feet, crying, "O Socrates, I give thee myself."

This is the gift which the Lord Jesus asks of you. It is better than money.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, we love to meet
On this, Thy holy day,
We worship round Thy seat
On this Thy holy day.
Thou tender, heavenly Friend,
To Thee our prayers ascend;
O'er our young spirits bend
On this Thy holy day. Amen.
—Hymn 573, Book of Praise

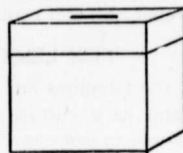
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—123. What is heaven? Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is. **124. What is hell?** Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

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

SOMETHING TO DRAW

What a joy it is to get ready our birthday and Christmas gifts for father and mother, for brothers and sisters! Of course we



should love Jesus best of all, because He has done so much for us. And he lets us show our love by bringing our gifts to be used in doing good to others. As we drop our pennies into the collection box, let us remember that we are giving them to Jesus.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE

Isaiah 1 : 1-9, 16-20. Study Isaiah 1 : 1-20—Memory Verses, 18-20.

Golden Text—Cease to do evil ; learn to do well.—Isaiah 1 : 16, 17.



1 The vision of Isai'ah the son of A'moz, which he saw concerning Ju'dah and Jeru'salem in the days of Uzzi'ah, Jo'tham, A'haz, and Hez'eki'ah, kings of Ju'dah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth : for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib : but Is'rael doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters : they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Is'rael unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more ? ye will revolt more and more : the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it ; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores : they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire : your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zi'on is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sod'om, and we should have been like unto Gomor'rah.

16 Wash you, make you clean ; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ; cease to do evil ;

17 Learn to do well ; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land :

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword : for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the death of Joash the Israelites fell back into idol-worship, and as a punishment, the Syrians were allowed to come and spoil the country. There was now living at Jerusalem a young prophet called Isaiah, who had already warned Ahaz the king against his own and the people's wickedness ; but Ahaz had refused to listen. Then Isaiah turned to the people, to try if possible to persuade them to return to God.

One of Isaiah's plans for getting the people to listen to him was, when he met them on the road or at their work, to tell them a story or song, in which would be hidden some message or warning.

Once Isaiah told of a loving father, who had cared for his family of boys and girls until they were grown up. But instead of loving him in return, every one of them turned against him. "That," said Isaiah, "is a picture of what God has done for Is'rael, and of how they have treated Him." At another time, noticing the farm animals as they returned from work, Isaiah said, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but Israel does not know, God's people have strayed away backward." "As a nation, Israel is as a man wounded in battle ; from head to foot he is covered with wounds and bruises, which, because no one

has tied them up or cared for them, have become swollen and festering sores. So among the nations there is no one to take Israel's part. We are like a forsaken garden overgrown with wild vines and weeds, the country is desolate, the cities are burned with fire, and the heathen enemies steal our goods before our eyes."

God's prophet spoke very fearlessly to the people of Israel about the sins they and their rulers had committed. He warned them plainly that punishment would have long since come upon them, even as it did upon the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, if it were not for the sake of the very few just men who were still to be found in Israel.

Isaiah had only one cure to offer for all the misery that had come upon Israel. Speaking in God's name, he said, "Cease to do evil, and learn to do well. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be destroyed, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How were the Israelites punished for idol-worship? 2. Who warned them against it? 3. How did Ahaz receive Isaiah's teachings? 4. To whom did the prophet next turn? 5. How did he teach the people? 6. What did he say about the ox and the ass? 7. How had the people behaved towards their heavenly Father? 8. In what way was Israel like a man wounded in battle? 9. To what did Isaiah compare the land of Israel? 10. What did God promise if the people repented? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A young princess one day visited a paper mill. "What do you want with these vile things?" she asked, pointing to a heap of filthy rags on the floor. "I make paper out of them," answered the owner of the mill. "I can take out all the dirt, and can make even scarlet and crimson become white as snow."

A few days later, the princess found lying

upon her desk a little pile of beautiful white paper. With it was a note from the mill-owner, stating that it had been made out of the same dirty rags that the princess had seen in the mill.

This story is a picture of how God removes from our souls the blots and stains of sin.

Lesson Hymn

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,
I want Thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe:
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow. Amen.

—Hymn 217, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—125. What did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming again? Jesus told His disciples that He would come again, to judge the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

A driver must have a bit and bridle for his horse. Without this he could not manage the horse, and it might run away and do



much harm. There are some things about us that need to be held in, or they will do a great deal of mischief. One of these is our temper. Another is our tongue. It will help us ever so much to remember that Jesus wants us to be gentle and kind.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LEARN TO DO WELL

Lesson IX.

WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY November 27, 1904

Isaiah 28 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

Golden Text.—They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way.—Isa. 28 : 7.



1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Eph'raim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Eph'raim, shall be trodden under feet :

4 And the glorious beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer ; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth : while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people.

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine, the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink ; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, *so that there is no place clean.*

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge ? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine ? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*

10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, *and* there a little :

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, *This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest ; and this is the refreshing :* yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept ; line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, *and* there a little ; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Isaiah warned his people what would happen, if they continued in idol-worship. He also set himself to arouse them against the sin of drunkenness, which was at this time threatening to destroy the whole nation, and was especially common among the families of the rich Northern kingdom.

Here not only the common people, but the nobles and even the priests, were so much given over to feasting and drunkenness, that the worship of God's house was laid aside. No attention was paid to the fact that every year Israel's heathen neighbors, the Assyrians, were sending larger and stronger armies

into their land, and were already laying plans to take Samaria, their beautiful city and capital.

Isaiah lived in the Southern kingdom, and saw there the same sin of drunkenness. He warned his people by pointing to the dangers of their neighbors to the north. The same dangers, he said, would come upon themselves, unless they gave up their evil ways. "Woe," he cried, "to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is as a fading flower. Woe to Samaria, their crown of pride, for soon the drunkards of that city shall be trodden under foot. Woe to the

beauty of their fields and vineyards, for they shall be taken away and shall disappear before their enemies like a handful of early fruit."

But in spite of all that Isaiah could say, very few of the people would listen to his warnings. Drunkenness had so destroyed their minds and feelings, that they could see no wisdom in his words. "What right," they asked, "has the prophet to talk so to us? We are no longer children to be told what we must do. We are weary of his tiresome and gloomy warnings, and are content to take our own way. As for the future, let it look after itself. So long as we are enjoying the present, what does it matter?"

"Very well," answered Isaiah, "God will speak to you by another voice. When the Assyrian armies come upon you, you will remember my words when it will be too late." Isaiah was right, but, through strong drink, the judgment of the people had become so stupid that nothing could prove to them that they were in any danger.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what sin besides idol-worship did the Israelites fall? 2. What danger threatened the kingdom? 3. Why did the people not notice the plans of the Assyrians? 4. How were the nobles and rulers spending their time? 5. Who tried to warn the people? 6. What did Isaiah say about Samaria? 7. What did he prophesy should happen to his country? 8. How did the nation receive Isaiah's warnings? 9. Why had Israel become stupid? 10. What did Isaiah say when they refused to listen? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A gentleman riding on a street-car saw on one of the advertising spaces these words: "Pure Rye Whiskey—Tones up the body, brightens the intellect, invigorates the soul."

After reading it, his eyes dropped to the seat beneath the advertisement, and there he saw a drunken man. His eyes were bleared, his face bloated, and his body slouched down in a helpless sort of way. Another man sat beside him, partly holding him up and trying to take care of him. The man was trying

to keep him still, but every little while he would break out into some foolish remark.

The drunken man proved the advertisement to be a lying mockery. All the promises of strong drink of every kind are just like that.

Lesson Hymn

We are little children,
Weak and apt to stray;
Saviour, guide and keep us
In the heavenly way. Amen.

—Hymn 528, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—126. **What will happen at the Judgment Day?** At the Judgment Day the dead will be raised to life again; and Jesus will separate the good from the bad.

SHORTER CATECHISM—52. *What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?* A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Think of it! People take the beautiful grapes, so good to the taste, which God gave them, and use the wine made from them



to do themselves and others harm. How wicked, surely, to take anything that God gives, and so use it that it becomes evil! We should not only thank God for His gifts, but also ask Him to help us to use them in the right way.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD NOT TASTE STRONG DRINK

Lesson X.

HEZEKIAH REOPENS THE TEMPLE

December 4, 1904

2 Chronicles 29 : 18-31. Study 2 Chronicles 29 : 18-36—Memory Verses, 28-30.

Golden Text—Them that honour me I will honour.—1 Samuel 2 : 30.

king's seer, and Na'than the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of Da'vid, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by Da'vid king of Is'rael.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of Da'vid, and of A'saph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, was one of the best kings Israel ever had. He did all in his power to repair the wrong-doing of his father, who had closed the doors of the temple in Jerusalem and set up heathen worship in every part of the country.

As soon as Hezekiah became king, he sent for the priests and teachers of God's house, and set them to work at once, to clear away the rubbish and decay that had collected in the temple. When every sign of idol-worship had been destroyed, and the sacred vessels and lamps which Ahaz had set aside had been polished and replaced and everything put in good order, Hezekiah set a day when the house of God should be publicly reopened and honored in the sight of all the people.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king A' haz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Ju'dah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aa'ron to offer them on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Is'rael: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Is'rael.

25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of Da'vid, and of Gad the LORD by his prophets.

26 And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by Da'vid king of Is'rael.

27 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

28 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of Da'vid, and of A'saph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

29 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

At the time appointed, the rulers of Jerusalem gathered early in the morning at the palace, and led by Hezekiah, they marched to the door of the temple, where the congregation was already assembled. Here the king ordered a great sacrifice of sheep and cattle to be made upon the altar of burnt-offering for the sins of the nation. And when the king and the people had placed their hands upon the heads of the animals, as a sign of repentance, the priests set fire to the sacrifice and worship was begun.

When the smoke from the altar began to rise, the singers and trumpeters and players upon different instruments who were stationed inside the temple, began to play and sing, perhaps using the great thanksgiving song of David, beginning:

"O give thanks unto the Lord,
 Call upon His name :
 Make known his deeds among the people.
 Sing unto Him,
 Sing psalms unto Him ;
 Talk ye of all His wondrous works.
 Glory ye in His holy name :
 Let the heart of them rejoice
 That seek the Lord."

During the music the king and all the people bowed their heads and remained praying, until the sacrifice was consumed. Then Hezekiah stood up and invited any who were willing, to come near and offer special thank-offerings and sacrifices in God's house. So Hezekiah put away idol-worship.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of king was Hezekiah?
2. How had Ahaz, his father, treated God's house?
3. Whom did Hezekiah set to repair it?
4. When it was in order what did the king do?
5. Who went with him to reopen the temple?
6. What offerings did they make for the sins of the people?
7. What happened inside the temple as the sacrifice was burning?
8. What did the king and people do during the music?
9. What did Hezekiah now invite the people to do?
10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A returned missionary was speaking to a Sunday School about the suffering of the famine children in India, and begged earnestly for money to extend his work.

One little girl named Nellie Raymond longed to help, but had not even a penny. As the collection plate was being passed, a thought came to her. Pulling off a beautiful pair of silk mitts, the only really pretty things she owned, she dropped them into the basket as her offering.

At the end of the meeting the speaker said, "Did any little girl drop her gloves into the basket by mistake?" Then the whole story came out. After that the people just poured money into the basket, and all because of a poor little girl who had thought she had nothing to give.

When the missionary counted the offerings, he found fifty dollars in the plate—enough to support two children for a whole year.

Lesson Hymn

Thou, Lord, art our life and the length of our days:
 Our voice to Thee in thanksgiving we raise ;
 Our shield and our buckler, our refuge and tower,
 We trust in Thy faithfulness; mercy, and power. Amen.
 —Hymn 489, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—53. Which is the third commandment? A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 54. What is required in the third commandment? A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

What a joyful sound is that of the church bell ! It tells us that our loving Heavenly Father is waiting in His house to bless us



His children. It rings out an invitation for us to come and tell Him all we need, to sing praises for His goodness, to hear His holy Word, and to bring our gifts to Him. How can we but be glad?

**I Have Learned Today
 THAT I SHOULD HONOR GOD**

2 Kings 17: 6-18—Memory Verses, 16-18.

Golden Text—The face of the Lord is against them that do evil.—1 Peter 3: 12.

6 In the ninth year of B she'a the king of Assy'ria took Sama'ria, and carried Is'rael away into Assy'ria, and placed them in Ha'lah and in Ha'bor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Is'rael had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of E'gypt, from under the hand of Pha'raoh king of E'gypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Is'rael, and of the kings of Is'rael, which they had made.

9 And the children of Is'rael did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them: and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Is'rael, and against Ju'dah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Ba'al.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Is'rael, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Ju'dah only.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In spite of the good example of King Hezekiah and the warnings of Isaiah, the people of Israel still copied and followed the worship of their heathen neighbors. So wicked had they at last become, that it was not uncommon for mothers and fathers to throw their children into the fire, as an offering to the heathen god Moloch. The idols which had been torn down by Hezekiah, were now carefully mended and put back in the temple. Heathen images and pillars carved in honor of the gods were set up upon the roads, and every hill-top had its temple or shrine for heathen worship, where the people burned incense before the idols, and held heathen feasts and festivals.

Having broken the first of God's Commandments, the people of Israel made no pretence of obeying the other laws of the Lord, and behaved themselves after the wicked manner of the heathen around them,

teaching their children to worship the sun, moon, and stars, and to bow themselves before golden calves, and the images of the wicked god Baal and the goddess Asherah.

All this time God was sending loving messages and warnings to His people by the prophets, begging and beseeching that they would turn from their evil ways and seek forgiveness for their sins. But the nation was so taken up with the sinful pleasures of their new worship, that they mocked at God's prophets and would listen to none of their reproofs. Instead of trusting to the voice of the Lord, they now resorted for advice and help to fortune-tellers and magicians, a class of persons with whom God had strictly commanded they should have no dealings.

So determined were the Israelites to disobey God and to follow their own ways, that God compared His people to stubborn

oxen who, the more He tried to lead and direct them, the more they stiffened their necks and kept on in their own way.

Suddenly in the midst of their sin God sent punishment upon His people, even as He had surely threatened He would do. The King of Assyria now came upon Israel, and with a great army besieged and took the fortress of Samaria; and dividing the people of Israel into bands, he bound them with chains, and took the whole nation away as slaves, setting them at work in different parts of his kingdom. Then the Israelites remembered the warnings and entreaties of the Lord. But it was too late. Because of their sins they had lost their homes and country forever.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what sin did the Israelites again fall? 2. From whom did they learn to worship idols? 3. Who had warned them against it? 4. How did the people show honor to the heathen gods? 5. What did they teach their children? 6. What loving messages had God sent them? 7. To whom did they wickedly go for advice? 8. What had God always said would happen if they disobeyed Him? 9. To what did God now compare His people? 10. How were they punished? 11. What did the Israelites lose through disobedience? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When Aunt Mary was young, she was married in England, and came to Canada to live. After eighteen years she returned for a visit.

The ship arrived earlier than her friends thought possible. Aunt Mary thought she would surprise her mother, and took a cab to the old home, but the door was shut and locked, and nobody answered the bell. She felt so disappointed she almost cried, but a neighbor told her her mother had just gone on an errand, and soon she came.

If people are disappointed to find doors locked against them, how much worse must they feel to find people's hearts turned against them. The best Man who ever lived spent His life in helping His neighbors and

friends, and they would not receive Him. His name was Jesus Christ.

Lesson Hymn

Tender Shepherd, never leave us
From Thy fold to go astray;
By Thy look of love directed,
May we walk the narrow way!
Thus direct us, and protect us,
Lest we fall to sin a prey. Amen.
—Hymn 586, Book of praise

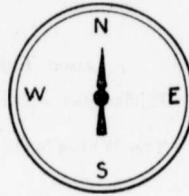
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—128. **What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day?** The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?* A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Did you ever see a mariner's compass? Here is a picture of one. The needle in the middle always points to the North. By



watching it the sailor can always tell in which direction he is going. We have a guide to tell us how we ought to live. It is God's own Book, the Bible. If we follow its teachings, we shall never go astray, but shall at last reach the heavenly land. Would it not be very sad, if any of us should miss the way, by not doing what this Book tells us

I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD WANTS MY LOVE

Lesson XII.

REVIEW

December 18, 1904

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.—
Luke 4 : 8.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 116-128.

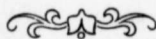
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 43-55.

Lesson Hymn

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

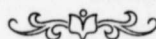
Teach me all Thy steps to trace,
Strong to follow in Thy grace ;
Learning how to love from Thee—
Loving Him who first loved me. Amen.

—Hymn 575, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I Should Serve God Only



	Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I.	Elisha Succeeds Elijah.	Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.—2 Kgs. 2 : 9.
LESSON II.	The Widow's Oil Increased.	Trust in the Lord, and do good ; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Ps. 37 : 3.
LESSON III.	Elisha and the Shunammite.	The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6 : 23.
LESSON IV.	Elisha and Naaman.	Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved.—Jer. 17 : 14.
LESSON V.	Elisha at Dothan.	The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34 : 7.
LESSON VI.	Joash the Boy King.	When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.—Prov. 29 : 2.
LESSON VII.	Joash Repairs the Temple.	We will not forsake the house of our God.—Neh. 10 : 39.
LESSON VIII.	Isaiah's Message to Judah.	Cease to do evil ; learn to do well.—Isa. 1 : 16, 17.
LESSON IX.	World's Temperance Sunday.	They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way.—Isa. 28 : 7.
LESSON X.	Hezekiah Reopens the Temple.	Them that honor me I will honor.—1 Sam. 2 : 20.
LESSON XI.	Captivity of the Ten Tribes.	The face of the Lord is against them that do evil.—1 Pet. 3 : 12.
LESSON XIII.	The Prince of Peace.	His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isa. 9 : 6.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. Elisha Succeeds Elijah.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Joash Repairs the Temple.</p>
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Isaiah 9 : 1-7—Memory Verses, 6, 7.

Golden Text—His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9 : 6.



called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of Da'vid, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The times in which Isaiah lived were indeed gloomy and disheartening. Everywhere about him, he saw both rulers and people destroying themselves with every kind of wrong-doing. In vain had the prophet warned them to return and obey the Lord.

As a punishment for their sins, the Assyrians had come upon the land like a swarm of bees, and the Israelites became their slaves and servants. So great was Israel's distress, that Isaiah now spoke of his nation as a people who walked in darkness, dwelling in the land of the shadow of death.

But in the midst of so much discouragement, Isaiah had a wonderful vision of a bright future for his nation. By God's help, he was the first of all the prophets to get a clear picture of God's great plan for saving His people. What Isaiah now saw, was nothing less than a bright foreshadowing of

1 Nevertheless, the dimness *shall not be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebu'lun and the land of Naph'tali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jor'dan, in Gal'ilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light : they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* not increased the joy : they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Mid'ian.

5 For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood ; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be

that first far-off Christmas Day, when God should send His Son to be born as a little babe in Bethlehem. Speaking of that glad time, Isaiah said, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Not only was Isaiah certain that a Saviour would come, but God told him also to what family Christ should belong, promising that He should be the greatest of all the descendants of David, and that His kingdom should have no end. Also Isaiah was told five of the names by which the Holy Child should be called. These were Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. From the meaning of these names, Isaiah and his discouraged people were able, hundreds of years beforehand, to know much about what the work of Jesus should be.

The name Wonderful meant that He should be both God and man; He was called Counsellor, because He should bring men back to obey the laws of God; the mighty God, because of His power to save men from their sins; The everlasting Father, because He was to show to men the love of God their Heavenly Father. Last and best of all, He was to be called The Prince of Peace, for His coming should bring peace and goodwill to all hearts, not only to the nation of Israel, but to every people and kingdom in the world.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Among what kind of people did Isaiah live?
2. How were they suffering for their sins?
3. How did the prophet speak about his nation?
4. How was Isaiah encouraged?
5. What great promise did God make him?
6. To what king's family was the Saviour to belong?
7. How was Christ's kingdom to be different from others?
8. By what names was He made known to Isaiah and his people?
9. Why was He called Wonderful?
10. Why was Jesus called the Prince of Peace?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

* Last Christmas Eve, Roger had a strange dream. He saw growing beside his bed a beautiful tree laden with presents of every kind. "How very odd!" he thought. "But as the tree is in my bedroom all the toys must belong to me, and none to Tom and Mabel and the baby."

Springing out of bed he began to climb the tree, filling his pockets as he went, until at last he was so heavy that the branch broke, and he fell bumping and crashing, stopping at last—with a great thump—in his bed.

"O, I am so glad," cried Roger, waking

up, "to find it was only a dream. I don't think Christmas would be half so nice if one boy had all the toys and left none to anyone else."

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—129. **What is the last prayer in the Bible?** The Bible closes with the prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus."

130. **What is the last promise in the Bible?** The last promise in the Bible is, "I come quickly."

SHORTER CATECHISM—56. *What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?* A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was a star, you remember, that guided the wise men to the place where Jesus was born. So in the drawing are printed the



five names given to Jesus by Isaiah. Can you repeat them? Learn them so well that you will never forget them.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP JESUS

LESSON HYMN

There came a little Child to earth
 Long ago;
 And the angels of God proclaimed His birth,—
 High and low.
 Out in the night, so calm and still,
 Their song was heard;
 For they knew that the Child on Bethlehem's hill
 Was Christ, the Lord. Amen.

—Hymn 520, Book of Praise

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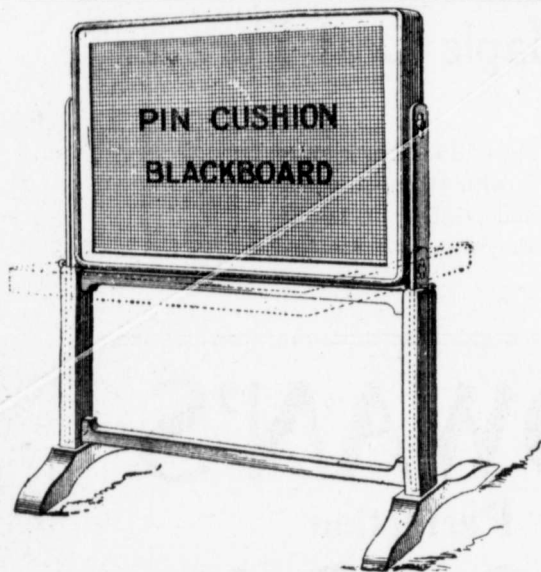
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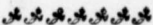
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