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The child, the seed, the grain of corn,
The acorn on the hill,
Each for some separate end is born
In season fit, and still
Each must in strength arise to work, the
Almighty will.

It is told of Sir Walter Scott that in his walks over the forests and fields of Abbotsford, his estate, he carried a variety of the nuts of trees in his coat pockets, and wherever there was a waste space where a tree could find room, he pressed one of the nuts into the ground with his heel. Many of these chance plantings are great trees now.

TWILIGHT

There are days when the children are restless,
And wilfully naughty and wild ;
I get so discouraged and weary ;
'Tis hard to be gentle and mild
When the spirit of mischief, unruly,
Possesses the heart of a child.

But, when twilight comes down, like a
blessing,
So soft and so quiet, the play,
The babble of voices, and tumult
Seem hushed in a wonderful way ;
And they come to my side in the gloaming,
And, "Sing for us, mama," they say.

So we sing "Like a Shepherd," and
"Jewels,"

"I wish I had been with them then" ;
And all the sweet hymns of the children
They call for again and again,
Till we've sung all the songs they remember,—
My dear little women and men.

As we sit thus and sing in the twilight,
And I look upon each little face,
They seem—all the wilfulness faded—
To be touched with the tenderest grace,
Just as if from the choir up in heaven
Some angels had strayed from their place.

And I pray for the spirit of Jesus,
Who loves though unworthy are we,
And deals with us ever in kindness,
Whatever our wilfulness be,
When we gather up there for our singing,
All His patience and love we shall see.

—The C. E. World

A LITTLE SUNBEAM

By Kate M. Duncan

Do some of you children think that you are too little to help and cheer big grown up people? Let me tell you something about a little girl, who was very poor, and sick too, and who yet brightened life for many lonely women.

While a change was being made in the Children's Ward of one of New York's large hospitals, the children were scattered through the other wards. Into a ward where there were twenty women, some in bed with broken bones, some able to be sitting up in easy chairs, were sent two little girls. Allie Thompson was to be kept in bed, but little Mary Curtis was well enough to be up.

Mary was four years old and small for her age, but not too small to love helping to nurse sick people. When the time came for giving the medicines, the nurse would let little Mary carry it to some of the women, which made her very happy and proud. How pleased the women were to have her little hands give them the medicine, and it

Mrs. Duncan

did not seem so hard to take when her bright little face was smiling at them, and when she told them she hoped the "meddie" would make them better. After each trip the light little figure would come skipping down the ward with the empty glasses, her face full of gladness at the loving words or kiss from the women, whose eager eyes followed her.

One woman who was very ill often asked to have little Mary lifted on to her bed to chat to her. She reminded her of her own little girlie at home. For fear you may think this was a little angel, and not a real little girl, I must whisper to you a secret. Little Mary had a quick, naughty temper sometimes, and had to be sent to a quiet little room by herself until good. But she was soon sorry and our "little sunbeam" came back again. When the day came for the children to be sent down to their own room, all the women wished they could keep the little child guest who had brought cheer to many lonely hearts.

LOST!

By Elizabeth Preston Allan

When I went visitin' to-day,
And stood by nurse's knee,
I heard the lady say she'd lost
A little girl like me.

She cried, and kissed me on my curls;
It made me feel so bad;
To lose their darling little girls
Must make such mamas sad.

But I kept wonderin' how she could
Have lost a little daughter;
I lost my kitty Whitefoot once—
(Somebody must have caught her!)

So many times I've lost my doll,
And other playthings, maybe;
But how could any mama lose
A really, truly baby?

Nurse said the little girlie died;
I'm sure that can't be so;
For if she died, she went to heaven,
And that's not lost, you know.

Why, heaven is for us little ones
The very safest place!
How could a little child get lost
Before God's very face?

The holy angels guard the gates,
The gentle Shepherd's there;
No harm comes near His little lambs;
All days are bright and fair.

—The Children's Friend

THAT HORRID RAIN

"Oh, dear!" sighed little Beth, as she gloomily looked out of the nursery window one rainy day, "there's that horrid old rain coming down as fast as it can; I know it won't stop, and I'll have to stay right here in the house when I wanted so much to go to Aunt Emma's; it's too mean for anything!"

"Dear, dear!" sighed the white-haired grandma from the depths of her easy chair, "what a pity the thunder clouds will creep inside!"

There were so many things outside just pining for that lovely shower! First came Mr. Duck, who had such funny little red rubbers on his feet, and whenever he walked they made a cunning three-toed track in the soft, muddy ground. He had been so hot all day, his throat was full of dust, and he could not eat a bite, for the bits of food he picked up tasted as if they had just come from the oven.

When he saw the storm clouds gathering in the sky he said, "Quack, quack! how glad I am!" and quickly set to work to oil his clothes so that he might be ready to run about and enjoy the rain. Splash! splash! he went into the puddles, throwing the water in tiny sprays all over him.

The pretty yellow butter cups out in the field were hanging their heads under the sun's scorching rays. "Oh, dear!" they cried, "our roots are drying up, and the tiny baby buds will surely wither if a shower does not come."

The frilled caps of the daisies, that should have been as white as snow, were an ugly brown color.

The dainty pink goblets that Mr. Clover

took such pride in keeping full of the richest honey were almost empty, and poor Clover himself hung limp and weak, leaning against a ragweed for support.

Down came a big raindrop right in a but-tercup's heart; eagerly it drank the cool liquid. Faster and faster fell the rain. "How lovely!" cried the parched flowers, as they raised their drooping heads and felt the moisture sinking into their green leaves.

"Pour, pour! wish it would pour!" croaked a fat little tree frog, who had been hiding under the shadow of a big leaf all day. "My coat is so dry I'm afraid it will crack unless there is a good heavy shower."

The sparkling brook sang a happy song as it danced over the white pebbles: "How fast I grow! If the rain will only keep falling, I will soon be a river, and ships with white sails will glide over my shining breast."

Ah! the rain had given everything outside a new lease on life.

I think little Beth must have seen how glad the flowers were, for the thunder clouds had rolled away from her face: it was bright and smiling. "Grandma, dear," she said, "I'm so glad the pretty flowers have had their faces washed! The grass smells so fresh and sweet, and the birds are singing. I was sorry when it rained, but now I'm as happy as I can be."

"Yes," replied grandma, "the good Lord knows best what we need, and for sunshine and rain we, too, will give thanks."—Out-look.

STORY OF THE DANDELION

Once upon a time, in a tiny green camp by the roadside, lived a soldier all alone. He had traveled a long way from a dark underground country, bent on seeing the world. The first thing that he saw was a broad field, full of waving banners, and he thought, "What a beautiful place I have discovered!" and pitched his tent among the green grasses.

The raindrop elves saw how sad and tired and dirty he was from his long journey northward, and soothed him with stories and refreshed him with a shower bath. Through the clouds came the sunbeam

fairies, bringing him a handsome uniform of green and gold, and a quiver of golden arrows. Then the soldier was very happy, and smiled out at many a weary traveler with a glimpse of his sunny face.

By and by spring went away over the hilltops; the birds that finished building their nests and the butterflies and grasshoppers came to herald summer. Then the soldier began to feel tired, and knew that he was growing old. His gay uniform had faded, and the golden arrows had turned to silver, and the wind brownies shot them far away. So the soldier crept down among the green grasses, and his little camp was left empty. Everywhere that his silver arrows fell there blossomed bright golden flowers—"dandelions," children called them.

A YOUNG MOTHER'S PERPLEXITY

"I am one of your married girls. My question concerns the future of my little daughter who is five years old, and most untruthful. Gladys comes in from play with the most wonderful stories. When investigated they prove to have no foundation in fact. I am at my wit's end. So far as I know, all our people have been truth-tellers.

"ELEANOR."

So writes a young mother to the Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal. We wonder if it is the same little Gladys about whom a correspondent of the American Mother tells. It is of her own little girl she writes:

"A great deal of the time during the year Gladys was three, she imagined she was some other little girl. She would tell me about her mama and papa, and where she lived, and would ask me questions about my little girl. Sometimes she would say, 'Do you suppose Gladys would care if I play with her dolls?' Often she would come with a pitiiful story: 'My mama is dead, my papa is dead, and I haven't any place to stay. Can't I stay with you a little while?' Then she would burst out crying, as though the whole thing was true. Quite often she would cry over her own stories.

"One morning she began, before getting up, to tell one of her stories, and became very eager and excited over it. She said

her name was Thom, her mama's name was Thornt, and her papa's name Thinkle. She said her home was 'right around the corner, down by the motion (ocean), where it is summer all the time and they don't have to have any things on, and they have, oh, such buful rooms, with flowers and little white kittens.' She said Gladys came to her house, so she thought she would come to see me a little while. She said she never was naughty, and asked, 'Is Gladys?' She helped make pies, and made one for Gladys, and then helped Gladys eat it. It was late in the afternoon before she announced that Gladys had come back."

Whether it is the same Gladys or not, the Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal is very wise in his remark upon this by no means uncommon case :

"Mothers often suffer as you do from misunderstanding their little children. The child lives in a great wonder-world. Experience has not yet enabled a little child to discriminate between imagination and reality. The better plan is to accept Gladys and her tales without comment and without surprise. Speak the literal truth to her, keep every promise, be candid in your own life, and have no fear lest imagination shall lead her astray. You know what Wordsworth says,

'Heaven lies about us in our infancy.'

"I never feel disturbed at the fancies and fairy tales of an imaginative child. Above all, do not inspire Gladys with fear or distrust by mistaken punishments for what you call lying. A child should not know that there is such a thing as a lie in the world."

These simple words will perhaps help many another puzzled mother; for no greater mistake can be made with a little child of this temperament and at this age than to accuse it of falsehood. The child's flights of imagination are no more falsehoods than are a poet's dreams.

THE BEST BOOK

There is a Book we love to read ;
It gives us help in all our need.
The Bible tells of Christ our Lord ;
The best of books is God's own Word.

THE LORD CARING FOR HIS PEOPLE

In the Lessons of this Quarter we are to follow the people of God in their journey across the wilderness. Their human leader was Moses and no nation ever had a greater chief. Mothers and teachers will earnestly seek to kindle in the hearts of the children admiration for the faithfulness of Moses, and also to awaken in them a desire to be faithful in their smaller duties, as he was in his greater ones.

But the Israelites had also a divine Leader on whom our eyes must be kept fixed. He is the great Figure in the history. In many wonderful ways, He made provision for the bodily and spiritual needs of the Israelites during their long and eventful march. Let us take, then, as the thought running through all the lessons of the Quarter—THE LORD CARING FOR HIS PEOPLE.

We see the Lord's care for His people :

Lesson 1. Providing them with bread from heaven—and so teaching them to trust Him for daily food.

2. Teaching them to love and serve Him—by giving them laws for His worship.

3. Teaching them to love one another—by showing how love will show itself in words and deeds.

4. Punishing them for worshipping an idol—and so teaching them that He alone is to be worshipped.

5. Showing them how to worship Him—by giving them a place and forms and leaders.

6. Warning them against intemperance—as unfitting men for His holy service.

7. Guiding them in their march—by His own presence in the pillar of fire and of cloud.

8. Encouraging them to overcome their enemies—through the brave Caleb and Joshua.

9. Healing them of their sickness—through faith in His word.

10. Promising to send them teachers—like Moses, of whose wisdom they had had proof.

11. Giving them wise counsels—from the lips of their dying lawgiver.

12. Appointing them great leaders—first Joshua and then Moses.

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FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1902

I. REPEAT IN CONCERT—"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of the Lord endureth forever."

II. SILENT PRAYER—followed by short prayer by teacher.

III. OPENING HYMN.

IV. OFFERINGS (Regular and Birthday).

V. GOD'S COMMANDS—(Recite with gestures, one finger for 1, two for 2, etc.).

I'm going to have my two little hands
Help me remember the Saviour's commands;
There are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
The first that were sent to the children of men:

1. Thou shalt have no gods but me.
2. Before no idol bend the knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Dare not the Sabbath day profane.
5. Give both thy parents honor due.
6. Hate not, that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
8. Steal not, for thou of God art seen.
9. Make not a sinful lie, nor love it.
10. What is thy neighbor's dare not covet.

VI. PRAYER HYMN—

Dear and blessed Saviour,
Hold our little hands;
Lead us in Thy footsteps,
Heeding Thy commands.

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. The little ones should not be allowed to forget the story of the life of our Lord Jesus, and as the lessons for this Quarter are in the Old Testament, it will be well to keep telling and questioning upon incidents in the Gospels. In our little illustrated child's paper—JEWELS—there is very frequently a picture and a brief description of some event in the life of our Lord to keep the little ones in mind.

VIII. A SUITABLE HYMN—from the Book of Praise.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN for the Quarter (301, Book of Praise).

XI. REPEAT IN CONCERT—The Lord's Prayer.

XII. DISMISSAL HYMN.

NOTE—If teachers have not occasionally used with the little ones the standard hymns of the Church, such as the one suggested for this Quarter, they are recommended to try them. Even though the children may not understand all the words, let the hymns be so sung that they will catch the spirit, and they will enjoy them for many reasons, not the least of which is that they may join with the older people in church and family worship.

THE GIVING OF MANNA

July 6, 1902

Ex. 16 : 4-15. Study Ex. 16 : 1-15.—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

Golden Text—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matt. 6 : 11.

4 Then said the LORD unto Mo'ses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you ; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in ; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Mo'ses and A'aron said unto all the children of Is'ra-el, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of E'gypt :

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD ; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD : and what are we, that ye murmur against us ?

8 And Mo'ses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full ; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him : and what are we ? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Mo'ses spake unto A'aron, Say unto

all the congregation of the children of Is'rael, Come near before the LORD : for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as A'aron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Is'ra-el, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spake unto Mo'ses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel : speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread ; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp : and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Is'rael saw it, they said one to another, It is manna : for they wist not what it was. And Mo'ses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before the children of Israel set out on their long march across the desert, they held a day of thanksgiving by the edge of the Red Sea. Then they went on with their journey.

The part of the Bible which tells about the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert is called *Exodus*, which means "The Going

The people had been travelling about a month and were now in the midst of the barren sandy desert, when the food they had brought with them from Egypt gave out. They were in great trouble. But instead of trusting in God they began to find fault with

Moses and Aaron, saying, "Why have you led us out to die in such a place as this? We wish we had stayed in Egypt, where the meat-dishes were full and where we had bread enough and to spare."

While the people were talking in this way God called Moses and comforted him, saying, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. So let some one from each family go out early in the morning and gather from the ground as much food as they need for the day, but no more. Only on the sixth day of the week let every one gather and cook a double supply, that he may have enough to

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last him and his family over the Sabbath."

When God had spoken, Moses and Aaron said to the people, "Your murmurings have not been against us, but against the Lord. Have you so soon forgotten the great victory that He gave you over the Egyptians? He alone is your Friend and Helper. Now gather yourselves together every one of you in a certain place to hear what He shall say."

Early the next morning the people gathered together, and suddenly they saw again the same fiery pillar of cloud that had led them out of Egypt.

And the Lord spoke to Moses from the cloud these words, "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak unto them saying, 'This very evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread, for I am the Lord your God.'"

That evening the camp of the Israelites was covered with quails, so that there was meat for all. And the next morning, when the people looked upon the ground at the time when the dew was dry, they found it covered with small, round grains that glittered like frost. And they called this strange

thing manna, or "angels' food." It tasted like cakes made of flour and honey.

"This," said Moses, "is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat."

After this the bread and quails failed not all the time the people were in the desert. Only on the Sabbath day no manna fell.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did the children of Israel hold a day of thanksgiving?
2. In what kind of a country did they find themselves?
3. What happened on the march?
4. Whom did the hungry people blame?
5. What did they say?
6. How did God comfort Moses?
7. How often was the heavenly food to be gathered?
8. What rule did God make about the seventh day?
9. What did Moses say to the people who had blamed him?
10. What did he tell them to do?
11. Where were the people when they saw the fiery cloud?
12. Had they ever seen it before?
13. What promise did the Lord now make?
14. How did the promise come true?
15. What did the manna look like?
16. How did it taste?
17. How long did the manna and quails last?
18. What is the Golden Text?

A CHILD'S GRACE

God is great : God is good
 And we thank Thee for our food.
 By Thy hand must all be fed :
 Give us Lord our daily bread.

Amen.



I HAVE LEARNED
 TO-DAY THAT

God cares for me

*Mrs. J. P. Johns
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Primary Catechism—102. What name is given to the household or family of God? God's family is called the Church.

Shorter Catechism—28. *Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?*

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Lesson Hymn

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

Amen.

—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

DUTIES TO GOD

Ex. 20 : 1-11.—Memory Verses, 3-11.

Golden Text—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.—Luke 10 : 27.

1 And God spake all these words, saying,
2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of E'gypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth :

5 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 ;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 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.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work :

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God : *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates :

11 For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the children of Israel had been travelling in the desert for about three months, they came to Mount Sinai. At the foot of the mountain the people pitched their tents, and here God spoke to Moses again saying :

“Ask these people whom I have saved from the Egyptians, if they are willing to obey my words. If they are willing, they shall be blessed more than any other people of the earth.” And the people answered Moses, “We are willing to obey.”

Then said the Lord, “Let them prepare themselves, and on the third day I will speak to all the people from this mountain in a cloud of fire ; only let no man, nor even a beast, come near it, or he shall surely die.”

So the people set a fence round about Sinai, and they washed their clothes ; and early in the morning of the third day they

heard the piercing call of a trumpet, and as they looked, the mountain smoked and shook, and God came down upon it in a flame of fire.

When the people felt the earth quake, and saw the lightnings, they were afraid ; and they heard the voice of the Lord saying :

“I am the Lord your God, the same God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were miserable slaves.”

Then God gave them Ten Commandments, which they and their children after them and the people in all the world were to obey, as long as the world should last.

The first four Commandments tell about loving and serving God ; the other six about loving and doing well to our fellowmen.

The First Commandment is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

The Second Commandment forbids the

worship of any image or idol. God will punish very severely all who worship idols, and He will be very gracious to those who truly worship Him.

The Third Commandment has to do with God's name. We are not to use it thoughtlessly or carelessly, but very reverently. Profane swearing by God's name is a dreadful sin.

The Fourth Commandment bids us remember the Sabbath day, even as God Himself remembered it and rested after He had made all things in six days. We are to do all our work in six days, and rest on the seventh, and give up the day to God's worship and to doing good. Since Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week has been kept as the Sabbath instead of the seventh.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long had the Israelites been traveling when they came to Mount Sinai?
2. Where did they now pitch their tents?
3. What question did the Lord tell Moses to ask the people?
4. What was their answer?
5. Whence did God speak to the people?
6. How did the mountain look when God spoke?
7. What was the first thing God said about Himself?
8. How many Commandments did God give?
9. How many of the Commandments are about loving and serving God?
10. How many about our fellowmen?
11. Who alone did God say is to be worshipped?
12. What did God say about worshipping idols?
13. What did He say about His holy Name?
14. Which day is to be kept holy?

THE KING'S GIFT

A king once gave to some children seven golden coins saying, "Six of these you may spend as you wish, but the seventh you must invest for me." But alas, some were even greedy enough to spend the seventh coin.

When these children were grown old they again visited the king, who asked them, "Where are the things you have bought?" "Alas," they cried, "the rust and mould

have long ago destroyed them; we have saved nothing." "Behold then," said the king, "and enter upon the inheritance of that seventh coin. I did not reserve it for my own good but for yours. As for those who have squandered my best gift, they have lost their inheritance."

This is a story with a lesson. Who can tell the meaning of the seven coins?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should love and serve God



Primary Catechism—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

Shorter Catechism—29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applyeth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Lesson Hymn

Lord, this day Thy children meet
In Thy courts with willing feet;
Unto Thee this day they raise
Grateful hearts in hymns of praise.

Help us unto Thee to pray,
Hallowing our happy day,
From Thy presence thus to win
Hearts all pure and free from sin.

Make, O Lord, our childhood shine
With all lowly grace, like Thine:
Then through all eternity
We shall live in heaven with Thee.

Amen.

—Hymn 574, Book of Praise

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS DUTIES TO MEN

July 20, 1902

Ex. 20 : 12-17—Memory Verses, 12-17.

Golden Text—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. —Matt. 19 : 19.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother :
that thy days may be long upon the
land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's
house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's
wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-
servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything
that is thy neighbour's.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Ten Commandments were written by
God on tables of stone.

The first four commandments were about
worshipping and honoring God ; the remain-
ing six tell how people should act one towards
another.

No doubt there were many little children
standing with their parents beside Mount Sinai, when the Commandments were given.
Now one of God's great rules was spoken specially for them and for all children in the
world. Here it is : "Honor thy father and mother : that thy days may be long upon
the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." This Commandment stands just after the
Commandments about worshipping and honoring God, to teach children to give parents
the place next to God.

After the children's commandment, which is the only one with which God gave a promise, come the Sixth and Seventh Commandments. The Sixth is, "Thou shalt not kill." By this Commandment God forbade the taking away by anyone of the life of another, but not the killing of animals, which were not made in the likeness of God, but were given to man for food and clothing. "Neither," said the Lord, "shalt thou marry or want to have another person's wife or husband." This is the Seventh Commandment. The Eighth and Ninth Commandments were spoken against two sins which are partly alike ; the first of these being the taking for oneself, without leave, anything that belongs to another, such as goods, or money or lands. About this God spoke four words : "Thou shalt not steal." It is breaking this commandment to steal little things as well as big things.

The Ninth Commandment has to do with a different kind of stealing. This is the taking away from anybody of his good name, by telling what is not true about him, or saying that which will bring him harm. These were God's words, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." If we cannot say something good about others, it is usually better for us to say nothing at all about them.

"Lave of all," said the Lord, "you must not wish for things that belong to people who are better off than you," for this is what to "covet" means, and so the Tenth Commandment is : "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor wife, nor man servant, nor maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's." Longing for things not our own is sinful, because it often leads to doing wrong things to get them.

When God hath given these ten commandments, showing how men might know and obey Him, He ceased speaking; but for forty days longer, Mount Sinai was covered by a great smoking cloud, so that the people of Israel were afraid to come near it. They would learn from this how dreadful it is to sin against God. There is nothing of which we should be so much afraid as of sinning against our Heavenly Father.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many Commandments did God give upon Sinai? 2. About what were the first four? 3. About what were the remaining six? 4. Which is the Fifth

Commandment? 5. For whom was it given? 6. What is the difference between it and the other commandments? 7. What is God's promise to those who honor and obey their parents? 8. Which was the Sixth Commandment? 9. What is the difference between the life of a man and that of an animal? 10. Which is the Eighth Commandment? 11. What is stealing? 12. What may be taken from a man by telling an untruth about him? 13. What did God say about speaking unfairly of people? 14. What is the meaning of the word "covet"? 15. What did God say about wishing for other people's things? 16. What is the Golden Text?

DICK'S TEMPTATION

Little Dick was a ragged newsboy, who lived in a very poor attic with his little brother Charlie. One day he was standing looking in a fruit store.

"Oh! how nice and juicy an orange would taste to little Charlie!" He had no money; but oh how he longed for one.

He went up the steps of the place to look in and saw the storekeeper's back turned. In a flash Dick had taken one of the large oranges and had run out of the store, without being seen.

On the sidewalk he looked at the orange,

turned it over, looked at it again, then walked slowly back to the store, and gave it to the woman there.

"Why, where did that come from?" asked the woman.

"If you please, ma'am, I took it; I wanted it so much for my little brother."

"But, why didn't you keep it, when you had it?" said the storekeeper.

"Because" said Dick, with tears in his eyes, "mother is in heaven looking down at me, and it would make her so sorry to know that her little boy was stealing."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

We should love one another



Primary Catechism—104. How are we baptised? We are baptised with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **105.** Why is this sign used? Because Jesus Himself commanded it.

Shorter Catechism—31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds and renewing our wills he doth persuade and enable us to accept Jesus Christ, freely offered us in the Gospel.

Lesson Hymn

We'll bring the little duties
We have to do each day;
We try our best to please Him,
At home, at school, at play:
And better are these treasures
To offer to our King
Than richest gifts without them,
Yet these a child may bring.

Amen.

—Hymn 535, Book of Praise

Lesson IV.

WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF

July 27, 1902

Ex. 32 : 1-6, 30-35. Study Ex. 32 : 1-35.—Memory Verses, 30-32.

Golden Text—Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Exod. 20 : 3.

1 And when the people saw that Mo'ses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto A'aron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods which shall go before us ; for as for this Mo'ses, the man that brought us up out of the land of E'gypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And A'aron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And all the people break off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto A'aron.

4 And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf : and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Is'rael, which brought thee up out of the land of E'gypt.

5 And when A'aron saw *it*, he built an altar before it ; and A'aron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow *is* a feast to the Lord.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings ; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Mo'ses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin : and now I will go up unto the Lord ; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Mo'ses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee : behold, mine Angel shall go before thee : nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which A'aron made.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after the Commandments were given God called Moses to come up on Mount Sinai, that He might talk with him alone.

So Moses left his brother Aaron in charge of the camp and began to climb the hillside. Soon he was covered by the dark cloud and the people could see him no longer.

Now the Lord had many messages and laws for the people, to give Moses, who talked face to face with God for forty days and nights without eating or drinking.

The people soon grew tired of waiting for Moses, and came to Aaron, saying, "Do make us a God that we can see ; as for Moses,

the man who helped us out of Egypt, no one knows where he is."

When Aaron saw that the people were determined to have such a god, he said, "Go and gather together all your gold jewelry, and the earrings that your wives and children brought with them from Egypt, and I will see what can be done." He was not brave enough to say "No," when the people wished him to do wrong.

When Aaron had taken the ornaments and melted them all together in the fire, there came out a large lump of gold something the shape of a calf. Upon this Aaron

carved a face and ears, and when he had polished it, the idol was complete. This was Aaron's first wrong step.

When the people saw the golden image of a calf, they were much pleased and shouted to one another, "Let us call this thing our god—the God of Israel, that brought us out of the land of Egypt." So they had an idol like those they had seen in Egypt.

When Aaron saw that the people were determined to worship the image, he built an altar in front of it and said, "To-morrow you may hold a feast-day to the Lord." This was Aaron's second wrong step, and it was easier because he had taken the first already.

So early the next morning the people of Israel came, and danced and sang around the golden calf, just as they had often seen the heathen Egyptians do before their gods. It is very easy for us to follow the bad example of those around us.

Now when they were in the midst of all this, Moses came back.

As he walked down the mountain he heard the singing and shouting. When he came near enough to see what the people were doing, he was filled with the greatest shame and anger. The sin of the people hurt him because he loved God and loved the people so much.

Then Moses, with one blow of his strong arm, threw the image on the ground. And when he had powdered it to dust, he made

the drinking-water of the people bitter with it and sent them to their tents in disgrace.

The next day Moses called for the people and said, "You have surely done great evil in the sight of God, but I will go and plead with Him to forgive you."

Now Moses offered to give up his own life for the sin of the people, but God said, "No; every man among them shall bear his own punishment." Then the Lord comforted Moses, promising that he should still be the leader of His people and that He would send an angel before him to point out the way. But He also warned the people that He would punish them if they kept on sinning.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Which of the Commandments did the children of Israel break first?
2. Which is the first Commandment?
3. How long was Moses on the mountain with God?
4. What did the tired Israelites ask Aaron to do?
5. What did Aaron say?
6. What kind of idol did he make of the earrings?
7. What did the people say about it?
8. Where did they put it?
9. How did they worship it?
10. What happened in the midst of the dancing and shouting?
11. What did Moses do to the image?
12. In what way did he punish the people?
13. What did Moses say about this sin?
14. What did he offer to do?
15. What answer did the Lord give him?
16. What is the Golden Text?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should pray to God only

Primary Catechism—106. What does the water in baptism mean? The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

Shorter Catechism—32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

Lesson Hymn

Great God! and wilt Thou condescend
To be my Father and my Friend?
I a poor child, and Thou so high,
The Lord of earth and air and sky.

Art Thou my Father? Canst Thou bear
To hear my poor, imperfect prayer?
Or wilt Thou listen to the praise
That such a little one can raise?

Amen.

—Hymn 516, Book of Praise

Lesson V.

THE TABERNACLE

August 3, 1902

Ex. 40 : 1-13. Study Ex. 40 : 1-38.—Memory Verses, 1-3.

Golden Text—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—
Ps. 100 : 4.



1 And the LORD spake unto Mo'ses, saying,
2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.

8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil,

and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

12 And thou shalt bring A'aron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon A'aron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In order that they might never again forget that their own God was always with them, the Lord told Moses to have the people build Him a holy dwelling-place or tent, to be known among them as God's house. God had given to Moses the exact pattern for this tent or "Tabernacle," when he was alone with Him on the mountain.

Now everything about the tabernacle was to be perfect and beautiful. Also, it was to be built in parts so that it could be taken to pieces and folded up, and be easily moved from place to place.

Everybody helped with the work. Those who were too poor to give jewels, or the gold and silver required for the inside of the tabernacle, brought badger and sheep skins to be used as a covering for the roof. Others

cut and smoothed boards, and shaped the door-posts ready for the builders, while the women spun fine linen curtains of blue and purple and scarlet cloth, to be used as door hangings, for in God's house were to be no closed gates.

It took in all about six or eight months to build it, and it was begun and finished while the people were still encamped at Sinai.

At last the day came, when the tabernacle, with the pots and vessels and altars for the offerings were all finished, as God had required.

It was now exactly one year since the children of Israel had been set free from the cruel Egyptians. So the Lord told Moses that upon the first day of this new year, the

tabernacle should be set up, and regular worship begun.

Now, in the tabernacle were two rooms. In the smaller of the two God told Moses to place the ark, which was a wooden box covered inside and out with pure gold, in which were placed a pot of manna, Aaron's rod, and the two stone tables of the law. The lid of the ark was called the mercy seat, upon which sat two figures of angels in finest gold. Here the presence of God rested in a cloud continually, and because of this the little room was called the holy of holies.

And God told Moses to hang a curtain called the veil between the holy of holies and the larger room in which were placed the golden altar of incense, the table for the holy bread, which none but the priests might eat, and the golden candlestick with its seven lighted lamps.

Now all about the tabernacle, or tent of God, there ran a curtained fence. Between it and the tabernacle Moses placed an altar for burnt offerings, and before the tabernacle door a great basin, at which the priests might wash.

And God chose Aaron and his sons to be the priests of His tabernacle, and when Moses had taken some holy oil which God had said should be made, and sprinkled it upon everything inside and outside the

tabernacle, as a sign that it all belonged to God, he brought Aaron and his sons to the door. Here Aaron washed and put on the holy garments of the high priest, and when he, too, had been anointed with the holy oil, a cloud covered the tent, and the glory of the Lord filled it.

After this the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and a cloud of fire by night all the time the people were in the wilderness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How were the Israelites punished for idol worship?
2. Why did God command them to build Him a house?
3. What was God's first house called?
4. How long did it take to build the tabernacle?
5. Where did Moses get the pattern of it?
6. What kind of work was put upon it?
7. Why was it built in parts?
8. How many rooms were there in the tabernacle?
9. What was the smaller room called?
10. What made it holy?
11. What was there in the ark?
12. What was the veil?
13. What was in the larger room?
14. Where was the altar of burnt-offering? (v. 6.)
15. Whom had God chosen to be priests?
16. Why were Aaron and the tabernacle sprinkled with holy oil?
17. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

I should love God's House



Primary Catechism—107. Can the washing with water take away our sins?

No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

Shorter Catechism—33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Lesson Hymn

Pleasant are Thy courts above,
In the land of light and love,
Pleasant are thy courts below,
In this land of sin and woe.

O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
For Thy fulness, God of grace!

Amen.

—Hymn 389, Book of Prais.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

Lev. 10 : 1-11.—Memory Verses, 8-11.

Golden Text—Let us watch and be sober.—1 Thess. 5 : 6.

1 And Na'dab and Abi'hu, the sons of A'aron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Mo'ses said unto A'aron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And A'aron held his peace.

4 And Mo'ses called Mi'sha-el and El'zaphan, the sons of Uz'ziel the uncle of A'aron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp ; as Mo'ses had said.

6 And Mo'ses said unto A'aron, and unto Elea'zar and unto Ith'amar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes ; lest ye die, and lest wrath come

upon all the people : but let your brethren, the whole house of Is'rael, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die : for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Mo'ses.

8 And the LORD spake unto A'aron, saying,

9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die : it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations :

10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean ;

11 And that ye may teach the children of Is'ra-el all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Mo'ses.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the midst of the rejoicing over the setting up of the tabernacle, two of the sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, fell into great sin. They had just been chosen, with their father and their brothers, to lead in the new worship.

But instead of preparing themselves by quietness and prayer for this great work, the young men allowed themselves to become excited with strong drink, so that when it was time for the worship to begin, they were quite stupid and foolish.

Now God had given very exact rules as to how His priests should serve Him, and when Nadab and Abihu, through their drunken-

ness, made mistakes, and offered the wrong kind of fire before Him, the Lord sent a flame from heaven which killed them both.

When Aaron would have mourned for his two wicked sons, Moses said, "You shall not weep. This punishment has come to them, that all the people may know that the worship of God is holy and that His house also is holy." Then Aaron said not a word.

And Moses called to Mishael and Elzaphan, cousins of the dead priests, and told them to carry the bodies of their kinsmen far away from the tabernacle and the camp. And Moses again warned Aaron and his remaining sons, not to uncover their heads or to

make any sign of mourning for their wicked brethren, but to go right on with the worship.

Then the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying, "Let this be a warning to you for all time. Do not drink wine nor strong drink, nor allow your sons to do so when you go into My house to worship, or the same punishment will surely come upon you. Be sober and upright yourselves and thus show all the people, by your good example, the difference between what is holy and what is unholy, between what is clean and what is unclean." God expects each one of His own children to show a good example to others. Those who have influence over others must be very careful not to lead them into evil.

THE OAK TREE'S RUIN

There was once a magnificent Oak-tree, tall and beautiful and strong. The winds tried to blow it down, but the more they strained its rough fibres the stouter they grew to hold the great tree up. The sun beat fiercely down upon it, but though its leaves withered every autumn, they came out fresh and green every spring. The frost tried to enter the crevices and split the tree from top to bottom, but all it could do was to make its bark rough and rugged. Snows tried to bury it, rain tried to drown it, other trees tried to crowd it out, but still the grand old oak stood firm.

But one unlucky day a little worm crept into the heart of the tree, where it laid its

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were Nadab and Abihu? 2. What work had God given them? 3. How did they prepare for it? 4. What mistake did they make in the worship? 5. How were they punished? 6. Why did Moses not allow Aaron to mourn for his wicked sons? What was done with the bodies of Nadab and Abihu? 8. What punishment did Moses say would come to those who showed them honor? 9. What warning did God give Aaron about the use of strong drink? 10. To what does drunkenness lead? 11. Why were the priests of the tabernacle to be holy? 12. What example were they to set the people? 13. What is the Golden Text?

eggs and died. Soon there were a dozen worms or more. They ate a little way into the tree, laid their eggs and died. So it went on, until the heart of the tree was eaten up and it was hardly anything but a hollow trunk.

Then the branches fell off, the roots dried up, the leaves withered, the frost got in and the ice split the great trunk open. At last the wind blew the tall tree over, and it rotted to pieces among its own dead leaves.

So the greatest enemy of the oak-tree was not the wind or the rain or the frost or the sun, but a little worm that it took into its heart. It could stand against the foes without, but not against the foe within.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

I should watch my ways



Primary Catechism—108. What does our baptism teach us?

Our baptism teaches us that we belong to Christ, and must be true to Him.

Shorter Catechism—34. *What is adoption?*

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Lesson Hymn

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

But a little pilgrim
Must have garments clean,
If he'd wear the white robe
And with Christ be seen.

Amen.

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

Num. 10: 11-13 and 29-36—Memory Verses, 33, 34.

Golden Text—For thy name's sake lead me and guide me.—Ps. 31: 3.



11 And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Is'ra-el took their journeys out of the wilderness of Si'nai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Pa'ran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Mo'ses.

29 And Mo'ses said unto Ho'bab, the son of Rag'u-el the Mid'ianite, Mo'ses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Is'ra-el.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea,

it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same we will do unto thee.

33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Mo'ses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One bright May morning soon after the setting up of the tabernacle the children of Israel looked out from their tent doors, and saw that the cloud of God was no longer resting upon His house but was floating high above it. They knew that this was God's sign to them that they should stay no longer at Sinai, but go on at once with their journey towards Canaan.

So Moses told the people to fold up their tents, with all their belongings, and arrange themselves in good order by companies or bands, and be ready for the long march. At the head of each band Moses placed a captain or leader, who was to keep his eye always on the cloud of God which went before them as they moved forward, that no one might miss the way through the rough and pathless country.

Then Moses chose the young men of two families to carry the holy ark with the vessels of the tabernacle, and gave them their places in the middle of the procession, where they would be safe in time of danger.

When the Israelites were preparing to break up camp Moses said to Hobab, his brother in law, who had been brought up in the wilderness: "We are just setting out to a new land which our God has promised to give us. Will you not come with us? If you do, you will share in all the good that the Lord has promised?"

But Hobab did not care to leave his home.

Moses, however, would not be put off, and began to persuade Hobab saying, "You and your young men would be of great help to us on the journey, because you know all about the wild country and its people. With your

trained eyes, you might save us from many dangers, and remember, whatever good fortune the Lord gives us we will surely share with you."

So Hobab and his band cast in their lot with God's chosen people, and prepared to follow the pillar of cloud. When all was ready Moses blew a blast from a silver trumpet for the people to take their places in order. So they left Sinai, and set their faces towards the land of Canaan. And the Spirit of God led them on the way in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night, and after a three days' march they halted in the wilderness of Paran.

Now each morning, when the ark of God was taken up in the sight of all the people by those appointed to carry it, Moses repeated these words, "Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered." But at even-

ing when the ark rested, the prayer was changed to this, "Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the Israelites know that it was time to leave Sinai?
2. How did Moses arrange them for the march?
3. Who carried the ark?
4. Why was it placed in the middle of the company?
5. Who was Jethro?
6. What was the name of Jethro's son?
7. What did Hobab say when Moses invited him to join the people of God?
8. Of what use did Moses say he might be?
9. By what promise did he at last persuade him?
10. How were the people guided by day? How by night?
11. Where did they first halt?
12. What words did Moses say as the ark was taken up?
13. When it rested?
14. What is the Golden Text?

MY GUIDE

Father, lead me day by day,
Ever in thine own sweet way;
Teach me to be pure and true,
Show me what I ought to do.

When in danger, make me brave;
Make me know that Thou canst save,
Keep me safe by Thy dear side;
Let me in Thy love abide.

When I'm tempted to do wrong,
Make me steadfast, wise and strong;
And when all alone I stand,
Shield me with Thy mighty hand.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God guides me



Primary Catechism—109. Why are the children of Christians baptized?

Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

Shorter Catechism—35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Lesson Hymn

Fear ye not the way so lonely,
You a little, feeble band?
No; for friends unseen are near us,
Holy angels round us stand;
Christ, our Leader, walks beside us,
He will guard, and He will guide us,
Guide us to the better land.

Amen.

—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

Lesson VIII.

REPORT OF THE SPIES

August 24, 1902

Num. 13 : 26-14 : 4. Study Num. 13 : 1-3 and 13 : 25-14 : 4—Memory Verses, 30-33.

Golden Text—Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust.—Ps. 40 : 4.

26 And they went and came to Mo'ses, and to A'aron, and to all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el, unto the wilderness of Pa'ran, to Ka'desh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of A'nak there.

29 The Ama'lekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hit'tites, and the Jeb'u-sites, and the Am'orites, dwell in the mountains: and the Ca'naanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jor'dan.

30 And Ca'leb stilled the people before Mo'ses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of A'nak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Mo'ses and against A'aron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of E'gypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into E'gypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the children of Israel reached the other side of the wilderness and came to Kadesh, a place from which they could see the hill-tops of the land of Canaan, a few miles away. Here they again camped and set up the tabernacle; and Moses sent twelve spies or explorers, one from each tribe, to see what sort of country it was.

After going up and down in the land for forty days, the spies returned bringing with them great bunches of figs and pomegranates and grapes, such as the Israelites had not seen since leaving Egypt. The bunch of grapes was so large that no one man was

strong enough to carry it alone. So they had fastened it to the middle of a pole, and two of the spies carried it between them. And they said, "The land of Canaan is a fine land, full of fruit and flowers and gardens; but the people are so strong and fierce, that we seemed as weak and small as grasshoppers beside them. Then, too, the cities are guarded by strong walls and soldiers. Worse than all, there are giants in the land, so that it is of no use for us to try to enter the country. We should only be cut to pieces." This account of the enemies and the dangers to be met in Canaan, made the

people afraid, and caused much trouble and excitement among them.

But Caleb and Joshua, two of the spies, said, "There is no reason to be afraid. Is not our God able to fight for us? Let us go up at once and take possession of the land in the name of the Lord." In this way the two brave spies tried to quiet the people and encourage them to go forward.

But the people would not listen to Caleb and Joshua, and spent the whole night in weeping and complaining. And they turned against Moses and Aaron saying, "We wish we had never listened to you, and stayed in the land of Egypt. Oh, if we had only died in the wilderness! Is this the kind of country the Lord has promised—a place where we shall have to fight for our lives?"

And they said to one another, "Let us choose a new captain and go back to Egypt."

Then Moses and Aaron and Caleb and Joshua were in great trouble, but they could not persuade the angry and complaining people to put any faith in God.

Suddenly, in the midst of the angry clamor, the flaming cloud of God shone out from the door of the tabernacle, and the voice of the Lord called for Moses saying, "How long will this people provoke me? Surely every one among them who has murmured against me shall die."

Then Moses prayed to God to spare the lives of the people, and the Lord said, "I will spare their lives now; but not one of all the people, except Caleb and Joshua, shall ever come into the land of Canaan. They shall wander in the wilderness for forty years, and die in it. Afterwards their children shall come and inherit the land."

So, the next day, the Israelites were obliged to turn their backs upon the hills of Canaan, and to go back and wander again through the wilderness, until they came almost to the border of the Red Sea from which they had first set out.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Moses send spies into Canaan?
2. What report did they bring of the land?
3. What did they say of the people? 4. How did this make the children of Israel feel?
5. Who tried to encourage them? 6. What did Caleb and Joshua say? 7. Would the people be comforted? 8. What did they say? 9. What did they plan to do? 10. While they were clamoring and complaining, what happened? 11. What did the voice of the Lord say? 12. Who prayed that the people might be forgiven? 13. How were the Israelites punished? 14. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should trust God



Primary Catechism—110. When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did He ask to be remembered?

Jesus appointed the Lord's Supper, and said, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Shorter Catechism—36. What are the benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

A. The benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Lesson Hymn

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

Amen.

—Hymn 250, Book of Praise

Num. 21 : 1-9.—Memory Verses, 6-8.

Golden Text—And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up : that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3 : 14, 15.



much people of Is'ra-el died. 7 Therefore the people came to Mo'ses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee ; pray unto the LORD that he take away the serpents from us. And Mo'ses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Mo'ses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole : and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Mo'ses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people wandered in the wilderness for forty years. All who had come out of Egypt were now dead, except Moses and Joshua and Caleb.

The sons and daughters of those whom God had punished came again to the borders of Canaan and prepared to enter the promised land.

When Arad, king of the Canaanites, heard of it, he went out and fought against the Israelites, and took some of them prisoners. But this only made the Israelites more determined, and they made a solemn promise to the Lord, if He would give them strength to overcome, they would destroy all the cities of the land. And the Lord heard and gave His people a great victory in battle. The Canaanites and their cities were wholly destroyed.

1 And when king A'rad the Ca'naanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Is'ra-el came by the way of the spies ; then he fought against Is'ra-el, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Is'ra-el vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Is'ra-el, and delivered up the Ca'naanites ; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities : and he called the name of the place Hor'mah.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of E'dom : and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Mo'ses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of E'gypt to die in the wilderness ? for there is no bread, neither is there any water ; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people ; and

the people came to Mo'ses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee ; pray unto the LORD that he take away the serpents from us.

7 Therefore the people came to Mo'ses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee ; pray unto the LORD that he take away the serpents from us.

Now, to enter Canaan by the shortest way, the Israelites would have to pass through the little country of Edom. This the king of that country would not allow. So the disappointed travellers had to turn and make a long march around Edom, by way of a hot and steep and stony desert road. Here the people and the cattle suffered greatly from want of water. They were thoroughly disheartened, and began to speak against God and to find fault with Moses, saying, "Why have you brought us here to die of hunger and thirst ? As for this stuff called manna, we are sick of the very sight of it ; we wish we had died with our fathers in the wilderness."

Now, besides other dangers, the country through which they were then marching was full of poisonous snakes. To punish the

people for their evil speaking and want of faith, the Lord drove these snakes into the camp of Israel and hundreds of men and women and children were bitten and died in great suffering.

Then those who were left alive turned to Moses, saying, "We have all sinned in speaking against the Lord and against you, His servant; pray to God to forgive our sin and take the serpents away."

So Moses prayed, and the Lord said, "Take some brass and melt it in the fire and mould it in the form of a great serpent, and set it on a high pole in the middle of the camp." And Moses did so, making the brazen serpent the same in form and, perhaps, in color, as those which had bitten the people.

And God said, "Every one that is bitten will be cured, if he will but look upon the brazen serpent."

And the people believed the word of the Lord, and all who had been bitten and those

who were dying were made well, when they looked toward the serpent of brass which Moses had made.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did not Caleb and Joshua die in the wilderness?
2. Who now took the place of the Israelites who were dead?
3. Why did they not find it easy to enter Canaan at first?
4. What prayer did they make to God?
5. How was it answered?
6. Why did they take the road round about Edom?
7. What kind of a country did they pass through?
8. How did they now feel?
9. What fault did they find with God and Moses?
10. How were they punished?
11. To whom did they turn in their sickness?
12. What did they ask Moses to do?
13. What did the Lord tell Moses to make?
14. Where did he put it?
15. Were the people willing to look as God bade them?
16. What followed?
17. What is the Golden Text?

TOO EASY A CURE

There was once a brave Syrian soldier who was a leper. Once when he was fighting against the Israelites, long after they were settled in Canaan, he brought back a little Israelitish maid to wait upon his wife. Now this little girl could not rest until she had persuaded her new master to go and visit the great prophet Elisha, who told him, if he

would be cured, to go and dip himself seven times in the river Jordan. At first Naaman was angry, and said, "What a silly cure! I will do no such thing!" But at last he obeyed what God's prophet told him to do, and as soon as he had dipped himself in the river seven times, he was made completely well of his leprosy.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus is my Saviour



Primary Catechism—111. What is meant by the bread in the Lord's Supper? The body of Christ, who is the bread of life.

Shorter Catechism—37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Lesson Hymn

O come, let us sing
To the God of salvation,
To Jesus our King,
Who hath brought consolation;
Who in His own body
Hath opened a fountain
To cleanse all our sins,
Though as high as a mountain.
Amen.
—Hymn 546, Book of Praise.

Lesson X.

THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES

September 7, 1902

Deut. 18 : 9-19. Study Deut. 18 : 9-22.—Memory Verses, 17-19.

Golden Text—This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.—John 6: 14.

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD : and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners : but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me ; unto him ye

shall hearken ; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Ho'reb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that which they have spoken.*

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth ; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At the last camping place (opposite Jericho) before they entered Canaan, the people rested for several days and listened to the farewell words of their great leader, Moses, who was now more than one hundred and twenty years old, and who knew that very soon he must die. Just across the Jordan from the camp was the promised land to which the Lord had guided them.

At this place Moses read to the people again all the laws which God had given on Mount Sinai and explained them, giving many warnings and instructions to the people. For he knew that it would not be easy for them to be true to their own God when they came in among the people of Canaan, who worshipped idols and followed many cruel and wicked heathen customs.

And Moses said to them, "The people

among whom you are going believe in witches, and ghosts and evil spirits. They also give great honor to those who deceive them by clever tricks, and pretend to cure diseases by magic and to understand good and evil signs. So cruel is their worship, that you will even see fathers and mothers burning their own children in front of some hideous idol. Now all such things are most displeasing to God, who has sent me to warn you to have nothing to do with their ways. It is for such things that God is now punishing the wicked Canaanites, by taking from them their country and giving it to you ; and this is the reason that He has given it to you, that you may teach all nations the pure and holy worship of the one true God."

Then Moses told the people that in this new land God would from time to time raise

up from their own nation great teachers or leaders, who would explain to them, as he himself had done, the wish and commandments of God. God promised to put His words in their mouth.

These men, he said, should be called prophets, and should lead and teach the Israelites until the greatest of all prophets, Jesus the Messiah, should at length come. God would speak through Him, and all who should refuse to hear, God would punish. And God said that He would never again speak to His people by thunder and fire, as at Sinai, but only through His messengers.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was the last stopping place of the Israelites before entering Canaan? 2. How old was Moses when he brought the people to the end of their journey? (Deut. 34 : 7.)

3. How did he spend the last days of his life? 4. Where was God's law first given to the people? 5. What was the religion of the Canaanites? 6. What warning did Moses give the Israelites about their new neighbors? 7. How did he tell them the Lord had punished the people of Canaan? 8. Why had the Lord given the land to the people of Israel? 9. Whom did the Lord promise to send to teach the people after Moses was gone? 10. From where were the prophets to come? 11. What is a prophet? 12. What did the Lord say about their words? 13. What did He say of those who refused to obey them? 14. For whom did the prophets prepare? 15. Who would speak through His mouth? 16. What would happen those who refused to listen? 17. What is the Golden Text?

A CRUEL PLANT

There was once a young fly who had been forbidden by his mother to go near some curious looking plants that grew on the opposite side of their home in the swamp. So far, he had no temptation to disobey; but one morning, as he was flying quickly past the forbidden spot, he thought he smelled a delicious odor of fresh honey.

"I will just have a look at the place," he said to himself. "It may be that mother is mistaken. What is there to be afraid of in a pitcher-plant?"

With this he alighted boldly on the edge

of the plant. Then he followed one of its red lines down into the cup-like leaves. He soon reached the honey, and after refreshing himself, turned to go back. What was his dismay to find that the sides of the cup were lined with stiff hairs pointing downward, making it easy to go on, but quite impossible to turn back. He called for help, he struggled for life, but it was no use. No one could help him, and so the poor fly was lost.

This is like temptation. Do not go in the way of sin, or you will find, when it is too late, that it is impossible to turn back.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus is our great Teacher



Primary Catechism—112. What is meant by the wine in the Lord's Supper? The blood of Christ, shed for our sins.

Shorter Catechism—38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Lesson Hymn

I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,

That His arms had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look
when He said,

"Let the little ones come unto Me."

Amen.

—Hymn 567, Book of Praise

Deut. 30 : 11-20.—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.—1 John 5 : 3.



and worship other gods, and serve them ; 18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jor'dan to go to possess it.*

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing : therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live :*

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him : for he is thy life, and the length of thy days : that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to A'braham, to I'saac, and to Ja'cob, to give them.*

THE LESSON RETOLD

The great and wonderful address which Moses gave to the children of Israel while they were encamped opposite Jericho, lasted for several days.

He was anxious that the people should not forget the laws and commandments of God, so he told them to take this plan of remembering them.

"On the first day that you enter Canaan," said Moses, "you shall build an altar of thanksgiving to God, and beside it you shall set up great stones and cover them with plaster. Then, while the plaster is soft, you shall write upon the stone all the words of God's law, that you and your children may remember God's words forever."

But Moses knew that many of the people thought that the laws of God were hard to remember, and harder still to keep. So at

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldst say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldst say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil ;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply : and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away,

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall

the end of his address, he gave them one great secret of obeying and pleasing God. It was this :

"*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ;* and thus it will be easy for you to do what will please Him." "For," said Moses, "the laws of God are all contained in this one law. They are not many, nor *hard* to learn."

"Think of this," said Moses, pointing upward to the sky, "God might have hidden His laws in heaven, or under the earth, or away across the sea, where it would be almost impossible to find them out ; but He has not done so. Where is His law ? It is so near, that it is in the mouth and heart of everyone of you. Why ? That you may never be in doubt as to what you ought to do."

"Now," said Moses, "I set before you this day two things—life and good, and

death and evil. Which will you choose? If you will choose to follow the commandments of the Lord, you shall have long life and wealth and many children, and great victory in battle, and all that is good.

"But if not"—and here Moses again pointed his finger to the sky, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you, that if any among you shall learn to love and worship other gods than the Lord, you shall surely perish."

"Therefore," said Moses, pleading with them over again, for he knew these were his last words, "Choose life, love the Lord your God, obey His voice, stand by Him, for it is He who has given you your life and He is able to lengthen your days and prosper you. Be strong and of a good courage. Go up now and take the land that God promised to your fathers, and the Lord be with you."

So Moses blessed the people, and stopped speaking. He had done his part in address-

ing to them many warnings and appeals. Now they must do their part in giving heed to his words.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What plan did Moses give the children of Israel for remembering the words of God's law? 2. Where were the stones to be set up? 3. Where did Moses give his farewell sermon to the people of Israel? 4. What secret did he give them for obeying the laws of God? 5. Where did he say God might have hidden His commandments? 6. Where has God put His laws besides in stones and brooks? 7. Between what two things were Moses and the people to choose? 8. What blessings did he promise to those who should obey the Lord? 9. What did he say should happen to those who should follow other gods? 10. Why was Moses so much in earnest? 11. What blessing did he give the people? 12. What is the Golden Text?

A PRAYER

Saviour, teach me day by day
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lessons 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.

Thus may I rejoice to show
That I feel the love I owe,
Singing, till Thy face I see,
Of His love who first loved me.

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

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT **I should walk in God's ways**

Primary Catechism—113. Who should go to the Lord's Supper? Those only should go the Lord's Supper who love Jesus Christ and try to follow Him daily.

Shorter Catechism—39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

Lesson Hymn

True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!
Under Thy standard, exalted and royal,
Strong in Thy strength, we will battle for Thee.

Amen.

—Hymn 245, Book of Praise

THE DEATH OF MOSES

September 21, 1902

Deut. 34 : 1-12. —Memory Verses, 10-12.

Golden Text—The Lord spake unto Moses face to face.—Exod. 33 : 11.

1 And Mo'ses went up from the plains of Mo'ab unto the mountain of Ne'bo, to the top of Pis'gah, that is over against Jer'icho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gil'ead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naph'tali, and the land of Eph'ra-im, and Manas'seh, and all the land of Ju'dah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jer'icho, the city of palm trees, unto Zo'ar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto A'braham, unto I'saac, and unto Ja'cob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed : I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Mo'ses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Mo'ab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Mo'ab, over against Beth-pe'or : but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Mo'ses was an hundred and twenty

years old when he died : his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Is'ra-el wept for Mo'ses in the plains of Mo'ab thirty days : so the days of weeping and mourning for Mo'ses were ended.

9 And Josh'ua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom ; for Mo'ses had laid his hands upon him : and the children of Is'ra-el hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Mo'ses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Is'ra-el like unto Mo'ses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pha'raoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Mo'ses shewed in the sight of all Is'ra-el.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The work of Moses, the great leader of the Israelites, was now done. Ever since he was a baby he had been trained by God to be the leader of His chosen people.

It was he who had rescued the Hebrew slaves from their cruel masters, the Egyptians, and snatched them out of the power of Pharaoh, one of the strongest kings that had ever lived. He had borne patiently with these people all through the forty years in the wilderness, though they had often turned against him and at one time had even threatened to stone him to death because they had no water to drink.

More than all, he had taught the poor slaves to love and honor the one true God, and had given them laws and teachings that

would some day make them a great nation. He had found time, too, to write the history of God's people from the beginning of the world until they entered Canaan. This record was the beginning of the Bible, the first five books of which are still called, "The Books of Moses."

But the day had come when even Moses, the great servant of God, must die. For God had said to him while he was still in the wilderness, "You shall not live to enter the land of Canaan with my people, but shall die in the plains of Moab." But at the same time the Lord had promised to show Moses a far-off view of the land of Canaan from a mountain side, before He should take him to be forever with Himself.

So Moses took farewell of the people, and when he had chosen Joshua to be the captain of the people after he was gone, he went up alone to the mountain-top which is called Pisgah, to see the land which God had promised to His people.

Though Moses was one hundred and twenty years old, his eyes were strong and clear as those of a young man. God told him to look before him. He did so, and saw stretching far below his feet all the land of Canaan, from the wooded side of Lebanon on the north, to the Southern desert, and from the river Jordan to the blue waters of the Great Sea. He saw vineyards and oliveyards, and valleys and streams and fields, besides many towns and cities, and knew that it was all even as the Lord had said, a good land flowing with milk and honey. It was indeed a beautiful sight.

And Moses died, while he was alone with God upon the mountain, and God Himself buried him. But the exact spot of his grave no man has ever been able to find. No one knows where it is but God.

And the children of Israel mourned and wept for Moses for a whole month, and

made great lamentation for him. And though Joshua, their new leader, was a wise and brave man, yet the Israelites never again, until Christ Himself came, had so great a teacher as Moses, whom they called "The man of God." For this was his greatest honor, that God used to meet and talk with him face to face, as a man meets and talks with a friend. He did his work well and received a rich reward.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of the greatest leader of the Israelites?
2. Where was he born?
3. Where was he brought up?
4. What were some of the great things that Moses did?
5. How old was he when he came to die?
6. What had the Lord told him about the place of his death?
7. Who was chosen to be the new leader of the people?
8. What did the Lord promise to show Moses from Mount Pisgah?
9. What kind of a land did he see?
10. Who buried Moses?
11. Where is Moses' grave?
12. How did the people of Israel show their respect for Moses?
13. By what name did they call him?
14. What made Moses great?
15. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God helps His people



Primary Catechism—114. What are baptism and the Lord's Supper called? Baptism and the Lord's Supper are called sacraments. **115.** Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's Supper? No. Jesus appointed only these two.

Shorter Catechism—41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?

A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Lesson Hymn

Tell us, pilgrims, what you hope for
In that far-off better land?
Spotless robes and crowns of glory,
From a Saviour's loving hand;
We shall drink of life's clear river,
We shall dwell with God forever,
In that bright and better land.

Pilgrims, may we travel with you
To that bright and better land?
Come and welcome! come and welcome!
Welcome to our pilgrim band!
Come, O come, and do not leave us;
Christ is waiting to receive us,
In that bright and better land.

Amen.

—Hymn 583, Book of Praise.

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

September 28, 1902

Golden Text—Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God.—Deut. 8 : 18.**Primary Catechism**—Review Ques. 102-115.**Shorter Catechism**—Review Questions 28-42.**Lesson Hymn**

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

Early let us seek Thy favor,
 Early let us do Thy will ;
 Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
 With Thyself our bosoms fill :
 Blessed Jesus !
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Amen.

--Hymn 585, Book of Praise.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY**That God is Love**

	Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I.	The Giving of Manna.	Give us, this day, our daily bread.—Matt. 6 : 11.
LESSON II.	The Ten Commandments. Duties to God.	Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart—Luke 10 : 27.
LESSON III.	The Ten Commandments. Duties to Men.	Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Matt. 19 : 19.
LESSON IV.	Worshipping the Golden Calf.	Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Ex. 20 : 30.
LESSON V.	The Tabernacle.	Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—Ps. 100 : 4.
LESSON VI.	Nadab and Abihu.	Let us watch and be sober.—1 Thess. 5 : 6.
LESSON VII.	Journeying Toward Canaan.	For thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.—Ps. 31 : 3.
LESSON VIII.	Report of the Spies.	Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust.—Ps. 40 : 4.
LESSON IX.	The Brazen Serpent.	And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up : that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3 : 14, 15.
LESSON X.	The Prophet Like Moses.	This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.—John 6 : 14.
LESSON XI.	Loving and Obeying God.	For this is the love of God that we keep his Commandments.—1 John 5 : 3.
LESSON XII.	The Death of Moses.	The Lord spake unto Moses face to face.—Ex. 33 : 11.

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. The Giving of Manna.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Journeying Toward Canaan.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Ten Commandments— Duties to God.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Report of the Spies.</p>
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<p>LESSON VI. Nadab and Abihu. Temper- ance Lesson.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Death of Moses.</p>

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