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Sleepy Time

Good night, little baby ;
I've counted your toes,
I've kissed all your fingers,
And rumbled your nose.

Good night, little baby ;
The day's gone away ;
The big, tired darkness
Doesn't know how to play.

Good night, little baby ;
My arms are the bed,
My heart is the pillow,
My love is the spread.
—Anita Fitch, in *Century Magazine*

God Wants the Children

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.D.

Long, long ago, in the north of England there was a monastery, in which all the monks died of plague, leaving only the abbot Ceolfrid and a little choir boy. These two, however, the old man and the little boy, still bravely carried on the daily services, though they had to drop out some parts, and though their voices were often broken with sobs, as they thought of the brethren they had lost.

The name of the little choir boy was Bæda. All through his life he faithfully attended these services. When he became an old man, and was sometimes urged to stay away because he was so weak, he would answer, "What will the angels think, if they do not see me in our chapel? Will they not ask, 'Where is Bæda? Why does he not come to service with his brethren?'"

John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, had a young pupil named Polycarp. When Poly-

carp was a very old man, he said, "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and he has done me nothing but good"; and this brave old man died in the flames, rather than curse the name of Jesus, as some wicked people asked him to do.

The best time to begin serving God is in the morning of life. God wants the children, and no one was ever sorry for giving himself to Him young. It always makes our days happier and brighter to feel that we belong to God and are doing what He would have us to do.

And when we come to be very old, like the good Polycarp, nothing will give us so much joy as thinking of all the good things our great and loving Master has done for us all through our lives.

In Their Own Country

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

They had been slaves for hundreds of years in a far away land. They had been forty years more on their journey to the land which God had promised them for their own. Now, at last, they have reached its borders. Who is to lead them across? For their old leader, whom they had followed all the forty years, and who had never once failed to lead them aright, is dead.

God makes this very plain. He had long before chosen Joshua (the name means the same as Jesus) as the leader to succeed Moses. He now tells him to go forward bravely, and promises to be with him.

The Lessons go on to tell how God made good His promise to Joshua, by causing the great rushing floods of the river Jordan to

stand still, until all the people had crossed over dry shod; and how he made the strong walls of Jericho to fall down, without the soldiers striking even a single blow. There is also a very beautiful story of God's remembering a promise which He had made to Caleb forty years before.

Then there is the account of the cities to which an innocent man might flee for refuge from his enemy, and of that great day when Joshua bade all the people choose between the true God and the gods of the heathen.

Gideon's three hundred picked soldiers, and their torches and war cry; Samson, the strongest man, and how weak and foolish he was, after all; the lovely Ruth, and how true she was to Naomi; the boy Samuel, to whom the Lord called in the night, and who was so obedient to what the Lord bade him do: these also are all in the Lessons.

We shall be sorry when the Quarter comes to an end, and eager, after a time, to go on, once more, with the story of how the loving God cared for His people.

"For Jesus Sake"

By Nannie Lee Frayser

A certain Primary teacher, realizing that little children are both imaginative and very active, sought to put before the children such supplemental lessons as led to active Christian service. She made much of Christ's busy life, and its constant service to mankind. While she did not use the word service, she managed to get its meaning into the mind of at least one little lad of six. He got hold of a large conception of it, as he proved afterwards, for he decided that to do something for Jesus' sake was better than to do it without thinking of Him. He had just commenced his first year at school, and the weather was very cold. As he ran along to the schoolhouse one morning, he met a stranger on the sidewalk. The stranger was thin, and illy clad, and shivered as the wind whistled through his tattered garments. Perhaps he was attracted by the bright face of the happy child; for he stopped him and asked, "Sonny, won't you run in the house and get your mother to give me a biscuit? I haven't had anything to eat for two days, and I'm so cold".

The boy looked up with troubled eyes, and answered, "I don't live in any of these houses, I'm two squares from home. I would go in, if I knew who lived here, but I don't".

Then he went on his way to school, this time more slowly, and with his head bent down thoughtfully. The man sank exhausted on the curbing, and in a fit of coughing buried his face in his hands. He was roused from his painful position a few minutes later, by the touch of a gentle hand on his shoulder and a kind little voice saying, "Here, sir, mother gave me the biggest one in the barrel because it was so pretty, maybe it will do you as much good as a biscuit"; and there stood the boy, with shining eyes, eagerly offering a big, red apple to the hungry man. Without waiting to be thanked, he sped along to school, as happy a boy as any one there.

The news of this loving deed came to the ears of the teacher from quite an unexpected source, and one day, when a gracious opportunity arose for her to talk it over with the child, without magnifying his unselfishness, she casually asked at the close of the conversation, "Well, Theodore, what made you want to do it?" Quick as a flash, and without a bit of self-consciousness came the happy, reverent little whisper, "For Jesus' sake".

Louisville, Ky.

What Was Her Name?

A very long time ago, a wise woman lived in the land of Israel. She was so wise and good, that God gave her messages for the people from Himself. So the people called her a prophetess, and made her a ruler over their country.

Now, a very wicked king got together a great army, and came and fought against the people of Israel. The prophetess called one of the men of Israel, and told him to gather together an army and drive the wicked king away. But the man said to the prophetess, "I will not go unless you go with me".

Then the prophetess went with the army, just as though she had been a soldier. When the wicked king saw them coming, he and all his soldiers were afraid, and they turned and fled: So God saved Israel that day, through a woman. *What was her name?*

A Good Fairy

Of all good fairies round the house,
 Good Nature is the sweetest ;
 And where she fans her airy wings
 The moments fly the fleetest.

And other fairies, making cheer,
 With her are gaily present ;
 They shine like sunbeams in the place,
 And make mere living pleasant.

The smiles she gives are rosy light
 Shed softly on the wearer ;
 They make a plain face something fair,
 And make a fair face fairer.

Before them dark Suspicion flies,
 And Envy follows after,
 And Jealousy forgets itself,
 And Gloom is lost in laughter.

Playing With the Sunbeams

In the old, comfortless horse car days, I once noticed a very beautifully dressed little girl, with a doll clothed in exact imitation of herself. Every frill and decoration of her little garments was exactly reproduced. I could not but think what a vast amount of labor had been lavished upon this display ! I wondered if it paid.

After regarding her surroundings for a little while, her attention was caught by the straw strewn upon the floor of the car. She immediately sat down in the midst of it and began to pick out from the chaff the "little straw flowers", as she called them—some dried seed vessels and slender oat stalks—carefully arranging them and casting upon her bouquet such a radiant look of satisfaction as I had not seen once bestowed upon the doll. Indeed, these fine lady-dolls never seem to awaken the emotion in their possessors that some commoner ones do, valued less for their clothes and more for their kindly faces, or originality and character.

I watched a little neighbor running hither and thither, peeping into every nook and corner. When asked what she was doing, she said, "Playing with the sunbeams. The sunbeams go everywhere and look at everything, and so do I." It reminded me of the

butterfly play of Pierre Loti and his little companion. They imagined first that they were caterpillars, crawling painfully along, seeking for leaves ; then they played that they were benumbed and lay down under the branches, with their white aprons over their heads for cocoons, calling out to each other, "Do you think you will be able to fly soon ? I can feel the wings opening on my shoulders." Then they would run lightly about, fluttering their white pinafores for wings, darting hither and thither and stopping to smell of every flower.

We do not need to provide costly toys for our children, if only we can put them out of doors in some safe and pleasant place, and observe what their own fancies will suggest to them to do.

Miss Tootsie, Peacemaker

It was the hardest thing that ever Billee had done in the short ten years of his life, this keeping "mad" with the Paterson girls. What was the use of having a new sled if he couldn't show it to the girls and take them coasting with it ? Or what good would the new picture book be, if he couldn't share it with his small companions ?

He had made one or two attempts to speak to the girls, but they refused to look or speak, and only a swish of short skirts and four-fast flying feet surmounted by four stretches of black stocking always greeted his appearance on the street.

One morning he saw Jill alone, and caught up with her before she had time to run. But all he had for his pains was the toss of a fuzzy "Tam", the tiniest end of a pink tongue, and an indignant "sass cat" from Jill before she took to her heels.

"And it isn't as if I'd done anything so awful bad", said Billee, in explanation at home, in answer to curious inquiries as to why he and the Paterson girls never played together any more.

"I only put a dead mouse into Jennie's coat pocket when it hung in the dressing room at school. I s'pose it was kind of cold and funny, but it couldn't bite. Girls are funny things, anyway. They'll go into fits over a kitten, and smooth it and love it, and they'll screech and run at a mouse. Any-

way, Jen screeched at that mouse, and cried and had an awful time. 'Course one of the boys up and told I did it, and then she got mad. I said I was sorry, but that didn't seem to make any difference, but I think it ought to. If a fellow's sorry, and says so, seems as if he ought to be forgiven a little."

But forgiveness was far from the hearts of Jill and Jen, and no doubt the feud would still be on had it not been for Tootsie. Tootsie was Billee's small sister, a most wilful young lassie with a desire for running away that amounted almost to a passion. Doors had to be well shut and gates locked when Miss Tootsie was loose, or she would be most suddenly and utterly missing.

So it happened upon a day that Jill and Jen, having been on a visit to their grandmother, were coming home across the park, and when most across they saw this small little figure creeping slowly along as if very tired, and most decidedly lost.

"That looks just like Tootsie Danby", said Jill, craning her head for a better view.

"It can't be, way up here", said Jen, "but let's run and look".

When they came alongside, behold it was the one and only Tootsie.

"Why, Tootsie Danby, what are you doing here?" said Jill.

"I yunned away", replied Tootsie, flinging herself on to the girls. "I yunned away, but I wants my supper. Tootsie is awfil tired."

"You poor baby, I should think you would be", said Jen. Then to Jill, "However will we get her home?"

"I know; we'll make an arm chair." So, interlacing their hands and arms in the well known chair of childhood's days, they lifted the tired Tootsie and started towards home.

While yet some way from home, they saw a small boy, with hat all awry and anxiety and fear stamped on his face, tearing down the street.

"That's Billee now," said Jen. "Whatever will we do, 'cause we're mad at him. Well, I guess it don't make any difference now, when we've found his sister. Prob'ly his mother is frightened nearly to death about Tootsie now. Let's call."

So the flying William was greeted with a shout of:

"Billee! we've got her safe and sound. Ho, Billee."

But already Billee's sharp eyes had seen the small procession, and soon he was holding Tootsie fast in his own arms, while he stammered out:

"Oh! I say, ain't you two girls great to lug that heavy child all the way home; and say, Jill, I'm awfully sorry about that mouse, honest I didn't know you'd scare so easy or so bad."

"Oh, it's no matter", said Jill, bravely, with an inward shiver as she remembered how very cold and smooth that mouse had felt in her pocket. "But you, Tootsie, you'd better be careful about running away, 'cause Jen and I might not be there another time."

Her Daily Bread

A little girl in a wretched attic, whose sick mother had no bread, knelt down by the bedside, and said slowly, "Give us this day our daily bread". Then she went into the street, and began to wonder where God kept his bread. She turned round the corner, and saw a large, well filled baker's shop.

"This", thought Nettie, "is the place". So she entered confidently, and said to the baker, "I've come for it".

"Come for what?"

"My daily bread," she said, pointing to the tempting loaves. "I'll take two, if you please—one for mother and one for me."

"All right", said the baker, putting them into a bag, and giving them to his little customer, who started at once into the street.

The baker cried out, "Stop, and give me your money".

"I haven't any", she said, simply.

"Then what brought you here?" asked the baker.

At these words she burst into tears, and told the man her confidence in God, whom she had asked for her daily bread. "I thought God meant me to fetch it, and so I came." The baker, who was a rough man and did not love God, broke down in tears, and bade the girl take the bread. He learned to know God through the little girl's faith, and thus she was rewarded openly.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1907

I. RECITATION IN CONCERT. Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord ; for He is good : for His mercy endureth forever.

II. SINGING. Hymn 596, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 4.

Around the throne of God in heaven	On earth they sought the Saviour's grace.
Thousands of children stand,	On earth they loved His name ;
Children whose sins are all forgiven,	So now they see His blessed face,
A holy, happy band,	And stand before the Lamb,
Singing, Glory, glory, glory !	Singing, Glory, glory, glory !
Singing, Glory, glory, glory !	Singing, Glory, glory, glory !

III. PRAYER. A few simple sentences by the teacher, the children repeating them after her, phrase by phrase.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage, A Child and the Scriptures, 2 Tim. 3 : 14, 15.

V. SINGING. Review Supplemental Hymn, 595, Book of Praise, learned in preceding Quarter.

VI. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

Teacher. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart ;
Class. And lean not unto thine own understanding.
Teacher. In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
Class. And He shall direct thy paths.

VII. OFFERING. Children rise and march in single file past the teacher's desk, dropping their contributions into the box. As they march they sing, Hymn 531, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 3, 5.

Little drops of water,	Little deeds of kindness,
Little grains of sand,	Little words of love,
Make a mighty ocean,	Make our earth an Eden
And the beauteous land.	Like the heaven above.
Little seeds of mercy,	
Sown by youthful hands,	
Grow to bless the nations	
Far in heathen lands.	

VIII. SINGING. Hymn selected by the children.

IX. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS for the day. (See each Lesson.) The teacher might put the information given in the form of a little story, asking the children to repeat several times what they have learned.

X. HYMN FOR QUARTER (in part). Hymn 24, Book of Praise (see Lesson XIII.).

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. SINGING. Lesson Hymn for the day. (See each Lesson.)

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

XIV. PRAYER. Repeat in concert the Lord's Prayer.

Joshua 1: 1-11—Memory Verse, 7.

Golden Text—I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Joshua 1: 5.

1 Now after the death of Mo'ses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Josh'ua the son of Nun, Mo'ses' minister, saying,

2 Mo'ses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jor'dan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Is'rael.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mo'ses.

4 From the wilderness and this Leb'anon even unto the great river, the river Euphra'tes, all the land of the Hit'tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Mo'ses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to

all the law, which Mo'ses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Josh'ua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jor'dan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the death of Moses, the Lord spoke to Joshua, whom He had chosen as leader in Moses' stead, to take care of His people, saying, "Now that My servant Moses is dead, arise and lead My people Israel over the river Jordan, in to the land of Canaan, the land which I do give to them."

"The whole land", God said, "shall be yours, from the north to the south, and from this wilderness on the east to the great sea on the west. You shall conquer all the land and the cities and towns, for none of the people of Canaan shall be able to stand against you, because I, the Lord your God, will be with you always, to help and to encourage you: Be thou, therefore, strong and brave, and full of hope, for this land shall certainly one day be divided up among

My people, even as I promised to their fathers to give it to them."

God also warned Joshua that, when they were come into the good land of Canaan, he and his people must never forget Him, but worship and serve Him and keep all His commandments, which Moses had written down for them. They were to be very careful to do exactly what God's laws said, and they were to think of them and study them day and night. Then they would surely prosper and have good success.

And God gave to Joshua this wonderful assurance: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God *is* with thee, whithersoever thou goest."

Then Joshua called all the officers of the

people together, and said to them. "Go through the host of Israel, and command the people to prepare food for a journey, for within three days you shall cross over the river Jordan, to go in and take possession of the land which God has given unto you".

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had become of Moses? 2. Whom did God choose as the new leader of the Israelites? 3. Into what land was Joshua told to lead the people? 4. How much of the land was to be theirs? 5. Who would help them to conquer it? 6. What did God warn Joshua that he and his people must not do? 7. What laws were they to obey? 8. How would God reward their obedience? 9. What wonderful assurance did God give to Joshua? 10. What did Joshua tell the officers of Israel to do? 11. How soon were the people to cross the river? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Mother was taking Polly up to bed. The top of the stairs looked very black, for the light from the hall did not shine round the corner. "Horrid big dark up there", chirped Polly cheerfully, going up each step with a hop. Mother laughed, "You don't seem very much afraid". "Oh, but I've dot you", said Polly, with a loving hug. "But, if I weren't here?" "Then I wouldn't go up into it alone." "But you wouldn't be alone", said mother. "Don't you remember my telling you the other day that God is always nearest His children when they are afraid?" "Oh", whispered Polly softly, "let me go the rest alone, and see". And when mother afterwards came into the dark

room, she cried triumphantly, "I wasn't a bit afraid after that".

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.
—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS IS MY LEADER

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—48. How long did Jesus remain on earth after He rose from the dead? Jesus remained forty days on earth after His resurrection. 49. What was Jesus doing for His disciples during the forty days after His resurrection? He came to His disciples at different times to comfort and teach them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—73. Which is the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, FOREIGN MISSIONS IN CANADA—INDIAN.) 1. Amongst what Indians have we missions? Amongst the Sauteaux of the Lake of the Woods, and the Ahts of Vancouver Island, who live by hunting and fishing, and amongst the Crees, Sioux and Assiniboines of the prairies, who used to hunt buffalo, but now farm and do a little hunting.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

I will be with thee

This lovely text is to be colored. You must put on the letters the very prettiest colors you have, because the words are so beautiful. How good to think that Jesus is with us all the time, every day and every night! We need never be afraid.

Golden Text—And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.—Psalm 107 : 7.



bearing the ark of the covenant before the people ; 15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jor'dan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jor'dan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon a heap very far from the city Ad'am, that is beside Zar'etan : and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, and were cut off : and the people passed over right against Jer'icho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jor'dan, and all the Is'raelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jor'dan.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the people were ready to move, Joshua led them from their camp, down near to the banks of the river Jordan, on the other side of which lay the Promised Land.

The day before they were to cross the river, the officers of Israel went throughout the camp, and said to the people, "Whenever you see the priests take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, rise up, and follow whither it leads, but do not go too near".

Then Joshua cried to the Is'raelites, "Make yourselves ready, for to-morrow the Lord will do great wonders among you". And when the next day came, the Lord said to Joshua, "This day shall the children of Israel see that I will be with thee, even as I was with Moses. Command the priests to take up the ark, and when they come to the edge of the river, they shall go into the water and stand still there". And

5 And Josh'ua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves : for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6 And Josh'ua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

7 And the Lord said unto Josh'ua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Is'rael, that they may know that, as I was with Mo'ses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jor'dan, ye shall stand still in Jor'dan.

9 And Josh'ua said unto the children of Is'rael, Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God.

10 And Josh'ua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Ca'naanites, and the Hit'tites, and the Hi'vites, and the Periz'ites, and the Gir'gashites, and the Am'orites, and the Jeb'usites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jor'dan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Is'rael, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jor'dan, that the waters of Jor'dan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above ; and they shall stand upon a heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jor'dan, and the priests

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jor'dan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jor'dan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon a heap very far from the city Ad'am, that is beside Zar'etan : and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, and were cut off : and the people passed over right against Jer'icho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jor'dan, and all the Is'raelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jor'dan.

Joshua cried to the people, "Draw near, and see the great wonder that the Lord your God is about to do. Then shall you believe that He is strong enough to help you to conquer all your enemies in the land of Canaan. For it shall come to pass, as soon as the feet of the priests, who are carrying the ark, touch the waters of Jordan, the river shall roll back, leaving a dry path, by which you can cross safely to the other side".

So the people prepared for moving on, and when everything was ready, Joshua spoke to the priests, and they lifted up the ark and went forward—right into the river. And as soon as their feet touched the water, it parted before them and rolled back, making a pathway right across to the other shore. The priests stood still in this path with the ark, while all the Is'raelites passed over to the other side into the land of Canaan, just as the Lord had said to Joshua.

When they were all safely over, the priests followed them, and as soon as they came out of the river, the waters flowed back again, leaving it as it was before. So, at last, the children of Israel were safely in the land which God had long promised them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did Joshua now lead the people? 2. What did Joshua say that the Lord would do? 3. When? 4. What did God say the children of Israel would see? 5. Whither were the priests to go with the ark? 6. What were they to do there? 7. What happened when the priests' feet touched the water? 8. What did the people do? 9. When did the priests come out of the river? 10. What then happened to the waters? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I can't add that sum, it's too big!" wailed Neddy, and down went his head on his slate, and he began to cry. "Have you tried it, Neddy?" teacher asked, as she came past. "No-o," came from behind the slate. "How do you know you can't, then?" "It's so awful long, I just know I can't", grumbled the little boy. "Now, just try the first row of figures", said the teacher, "and never mind the rest. One row isn't hard." Teacher went on, up to her desk, and Neddy raised his head. Well, he would try one row, he made up his mind, but only one. So he added it, and it didn't seem half so hard as he expected. Then he tried the next row, and the next; and before ten minutes were gone, he was standing, all

smiles, before teacher's desk, with the right answer to the hard, long sum!

Lesson Hymn

Though the way may dark appear,
We will follow Jesus;
He will make our pathway clear;
We will follow Jesus:
In our daily round of care,
As we plead with God in prayer,
With the cross which we must bear,
We will follow Jesus. Amen.
—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD IS VERY STRONG

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—50. **What happened at the end of forty days?** After forty days Jesus went up to heaven. 51. **What is Jesus now doing for us in heaven?** He intercedes for us, and He rules over all things for our good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—74. **What is required in the eighth commandment?** A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

The Question on Missions

2. What of the religion and character of the Indian? He is a heathen, worshipping the Great Spirit or the North Wind, and kept in fear of "bad spirits" by the medicine man. He is brave and hardy, but cruel, superstitious, and often treacherous.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



When the golden ark went into the Jordan, the waters dried right up. It was not any power in the ark itself that caused the waters to do this. The power was God's, and He can do anything, however great. *Color the picture.*

Joshua 6 : 8-20—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.—Hebrews 11 : 30.



city. 17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD : only Ra'hab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD : they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets : and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The first city that the children of Israel came to in the land of Canaan was called Jericho. It had a high, strong wall built all around it ; but the Israelites were not afraid to fight against the city, for God had promised to be with them to help them. It was the people of Jericho who were afraid, for they had heard of some of the wonders which the God of Israel had done and had shut up the gates of their city, and would not let any one go out or come in.

Then the Lord spoke to Joshua and told him the strange way in which the Israelites were to take the city. They were to march round the city once every day for six days ; and the priests were to carry the ark with them. Seven priests were to go before the ark, blowing upon trumpets. On the seventh day, the Israelites were to march round Jericho seven times, and the priests were

8 And it came to pass, when Josh'ua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets ; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Josh'ua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout ; then shall ye shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once : and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Josh'ua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets : and the armed men went before them ; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp : so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times : only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Josh'ua said unto the people, Shout ; for the LORD hath given you the city. And all the men of war went forward, and they went up upon the wall, and they fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD : only Ra'hab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

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still to blow their trumpets. Then, when the people heard them blow a long blast, they were to give a great shout, and the walls of the city would tumble down, and they could then go in and take possession of it.

So Joshua called the people together, and told them what God had commanded them to do. On the morning of the first day the procession started round the city. A company of armed men led the way. Next came the seven priests blowing upon their trumpets. After these followed the priests bearing the ark, and last came another company of men. And so the great procession marched round the city of Jericho, but, except for the priests who were blowing the trumpets, the people were very quiet, for Joshua had said that they were not to speak or make any noise until he told them to do so. Then, when they had gone once round the city,

Joshua brought them back to their tents again.

The next day the people and the priests once more walked around Jericho, and came quietly home again, and this they did for six days. But on the seventh day the Israelites rose up very early in the morning, and went round the city seven times.

When they had just finished marching round for the seventh time, Joshua said to the people, "Now, when the priests blow with the trumpets, shout, because God has given you the city. You must destroy everything in it—keep nothing for yourselves; but all the silver and gold and the vessels of brass and iron are to be brought back to the camp to be used in the service of the Lord."

When Joshua had finished speaking, the priests blew a long blast upon their trumpets, and all the people gave a great shout, and immediately the walls of the city fell down flat before them, and they rushed in. So God helped His people to conquer their foes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the first city in Canaan to which the Israelites came? 2. Why were they not afraid? 3. Who were afraid of them? 4. What did God say they were to do for six days? 5. What were they to do on the seventh day? 6. What would then happen? 7. Who went first in the procession? 8. Who came next? 9. Who after these? 10. What did the first seven priests do? 11. What did other priests carry? 12. Who came last? 13. What did Joshua warn the people not to do? 14. What was the only sound made? 15. How often did the Israelites march round the city on the first day? 16. On each following day? 17. How often on the seventh day? 18. When were the people to shout? 19. What happened to the city walls when they did this? 20. What were the Israelites to do with the city? 21. What was to be done with the silver and gold and the vessels of brass and iron? 22. The Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Onward then to battle move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go! Amen.

—Hymn 271, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—52. **What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was going away?** Jesus promised to send them another Comforter, or Helper, to remain with them forever.

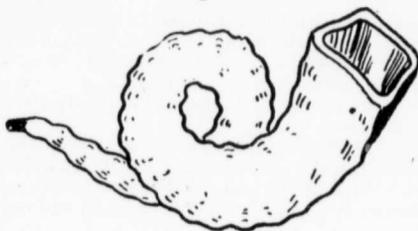
SHORTER CATECHISM—75. *What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?* A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.

The Question on Missions

3. How did our Indian missions begin? Forty-one years ago the Rev. James Nisbet, with his family and helpers, drove in carts 400 miles across the prairie from the Red River, and began a mission among the wandering Indians of the Saskatchewan, at what is now the town of Prince Albert.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

This is a trumpet of the kind the priests used at Jericho. When they all blew a great blast on their trumpets, the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. But of course



the trumpets did not make them fall. It was God's power which did this; and He thus helped them to take the city, because they obeyed Him. *Copy* this horn.

I Have Learned To-day That
GOD WILL HELP ME TO CONQUER
SATAN

Lesson IV.

CALEB'S FAITHFULNESS REWARDED October 27, 1907

Joshua 14 : 6-15—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things.—Matthew 25 : 23.



for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day ; for thou heardest in that day how the An'akims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced : if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Josh'ua blessed him, and gave unto Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh Heb'ron for an inheritance.

14 He'bron therefore became the inheritance of Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ke'nezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Is'rael.

15 And the name of He'bron before was Kir'jath-ar'ba ; which Ar'ba was a great man among the An'akims. And the land had rest from war.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There were a great many other cities in Canaan besides Jericho, and, although many of them were large and strong, the Israelites conquered them, one after the other, because God was helping His people, as He had promised. At last they had conquered most of Canaan ; and Joshua said to the twelve tribes : " God has now commanded me to divide up the land of Canaan amongst you, a certain portion to each tribe."

But, before Joshua commenced to divide the land, Caleb, who belonged to the tribe of Judah, came, with some of his brethren, to him, to ask for the city of Hebron and the land round about it. Caleb said to Joshua : " Do you remember what God promised to me, through Moses, forty-five years ago, when

6 Then the children of Ju'dah came unto Josh'ua in Gil'gal : and Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ke'nezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mo'ses the man of God concerning me and thee in Ka'desh-bar'nea.

7 Forty years old was I when Mo'ses the servant of the LORD sent me from Ka'desh-bar'nea to espy out the land ; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt : but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Mo'ses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Mo'ses, while the children of Is'rael wandered in the wilderness : and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Mo'ses sent me : as my strength was then, even so is my strength now,

you and I went up with the other spies to search out the land of Canaan ? We spoke well of the country, and urged the people to go up and fight against it, but the other spies frightened them, so that they would not trust in God and go in and take the land.

" So Moses made a promise to me that day, saying, ' Because you have wholly followed and trusted in God, some day all the land which you have walked over as a spy in Canaan shall belong to you, and to your children forever.' " Now the part of the country which Moses had then promised to Caleb was this very city of Hebron and its neighborhood, which he was asking Joshua to give to him. A race of fierce giants called Anakims lived there.

Caleb went on to say, "God has kept me alive during all the forty-five years since that time, and, although I am now eighty-five years old, I am as strong as the day on which Moses first sent me into Canaan. So, if the Lord will be with me to help me, I shall still be able to drive the giants out from Hebron."

Joshua knew that all that Caleb said was true; so he blessed him, and gave him Hebron and the land around it, because all his life Caleb had wholly followed the Lord his God. So Caleb went to Hebron, and made his home there. In this way he was rewarded for the courage he had shown so many years before, when Moses had sent him as one of the spies into Canaan.

Questions on the Lesson

1 How many tribes were there of the Israelites? 2. What land had they now conquered? 3. What did Joshua then say to them? 4. Who came to Joshua? 5. What did he ask for himself? 6. Of what did he remind Joshua? 7. What did he say Moses had promised him? 8. Which city was it that Moses had promised? 9. Who lived there? 10. What did Caleb say he could do? 11. Who, did he say, would help him? 12. Did Joshua give Caleb what he asked? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was Saturday, and Ted had planned out a beautiful holiday. He was going to the football match in the morning, and going fishing in the afternoon, and do—oh, lots of other things! And here was Aunt Emma at the door with a tale of a houseful of sick children, and, "Would mother please come over and help her? Of course, mother went, and of course she said, "I'm sorry to ask you, Teddy boy, but I'm afraid you'll have to stay at home and look after Jack. I'll try, though, to make up to you, dear, later on, for the loss of your holiday."

As Teddy tried to amuse cross Baby Jack all morning, he thought it would take a good deal to "make up". But before supper time, he decided football and fishing "weren't in it", for didn't father come and carry him off for a lovely trip to Overton,

ten miles away, "just because he'd been so good and helpful all day".

Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright
By faith I see
In yonder realms of light
Prepared for me. Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—53. **Who is the Comforter or Helper whom Jesus promised to send to His disciples?** The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send.

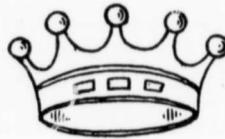
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 73-75.

The Question on Missions

4. Name some of the pioneer missionaries. They were mostly men of Indian blood: Rev. John McKay, our eloquent Cree preacher, Rev. George Flett, who could preach in English, French, Cree, and Saulteaux, and Rev. Solomon Tunkansuiciye (meaning "His-own-grandfather"), a devoted Sioux missionary.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

A king wears a crown to show that he is a ruler. Caleb did not get a crown, but he was given a city to rule over. Well he de-



served this reward, for he had been brave and faithful. And we know there will be a reward in heaven for all who love and serve God with willing and obedient hearts. Copy the crown.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I AM A SOLDIER OF CHRIST

THE CITIES OF REFUGE

November 3, 1907

Joshua 20 : 1-9—Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Golden Text—My refuge is in God.—Psaln 62 : 7.

1 The LORD also spake unto Josh'ua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Is'rael, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Mo'ses :

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither : and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand ; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not before-time.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days : then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he

fled. 7 And they appointed Ke'desh in Gal'ilee in mount Naph'tali, and She'chem in mount E'phraim, and Kir'jath-ar'ba, which is He'bron, in the mountain of Ju'dah.

8 And on the other side Jor'dan by Jer'icho eastward, they assigned Be'zer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reu'ben, and Ra'moth in Gil'ead out of the tribe of Gad, and Go'lan in Ba'shan out of the tribe of Manas'seh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Is'rael, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the land of Canaan was divided up amongst the different tribes of Israel. Then God spoke to Joshua, commanding him to set apart some of the cities to be Cities of Refuge. God had long ago given directions to His servant Moses about these cities. They were places where a man who had killed another by accident might go and be safe from punishment.

Long before this, God had made it a law that whoever killed another on purpose and because he hated him, should be put to death. Such a man was a murderer, and people thought that the murdered man's nearest relation, called the avenger of blood, should seek to kill him, wherever he found him. So the avenger of blood would pursue the murderer, until he came upon him, and then take away his life.

But sometimes it happened that one man

might kill another without intending to do so, and yet the dead man's relations might be so angry that they would want the manslayer to be killed in return. He could then make haste to escape from the avenger of blood to the nearest City of Refuge. When the manslayer came to the gate of the city, he must tell the elders of the city what he had done. If they were sure that he had not meant to kill the man, they would receive him into the city and give him a place where he might live.

If any relation of the man he had killed came and asked for him, the elders were not to give him up, because, although he had killed the man, he had not hated him nor meant to do him harm. So he might dwell in safety in the City of Refuge, until he had been tried by the elders of the people, who decided whether he was guilty of murder or

not. If it was found that the killing had been an accident, the manslayer was kept in the City of Refuge until the high priest of the time died, when he could return to his own city and home in safety.

Should a real murderer, however, come to the City of Refuge, the elders were not to take him in to save him from punishment, but were to deliver him up to be put to death.

So three Cities of Refuge were set apart to the east of the river Jordan, and three to the west.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did God tell Joshua to set apart certain cities?
2. Who was the avenger of blood?
3. Where could a man who had killed another by accident find safety from him?
4. To whom must the manslayer tell what he had done?
5. Who might come and ask for him?
6. What were the elders then to do?
7. If the killing had been accidental, where was he kept?
8. For how long?
9. Where might he then go?
10. How many Cities of Refuge were to the east of the Jordan?
11. To the west?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Away off in Switzerland, there is a range of very high mountains. They are dangerous mountains to climb, and very often travelers lose their way in the blinding snowstorms that come suddenly down.

On one of these mountains called the Great St. Bernard, there is built a monastery, where some good, kind monks keep a number

of large dogs trained to go out and search for lost travelers. Sometimes the dogs find a man buried deep in the snow, and they dig away until they get him out, and then either go for help, or drag him straight away up into the monastery.

Lesson Hymn

God is our refuge and our strength,
 In straits a present aid;
 Therefore, although the earth remove,
 We will not be afraid. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 34, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS MY ONLY SAVIOUR

The Catechism

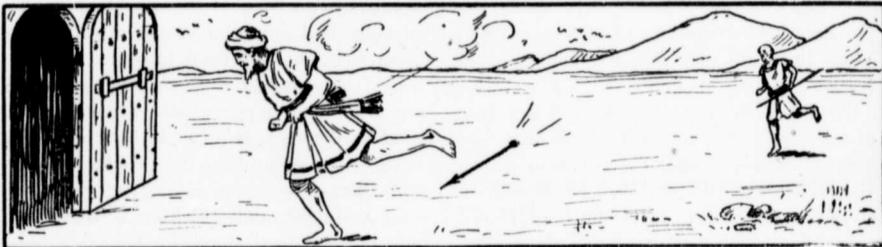
PRIMARY CATECHISM—54. **What did Jesus tell His disciples the Holy Spirit would do for them?** Jesus said the Holy Spirit would help them to remember and to understand what He had taught them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—76. *Which is the ninth commandment?* A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

The Question on Missions

5. How many Indian missions have we now? There are 21 in all, with a staff of 60 missionaries, of whom 9 are ordained ministers; a large number are women, who act as teachers and matrons in schools; and a few are educated Indians.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



The poor man running from his pursuer will soon be safe inside the city gate, and his enemy cannot touch him. Jesus is just like this city. He puts His arms about us, and we are safe. *Color the picture.*

Lesson VI.

JOSHUA RENEWING THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL November 10, 1907

Joshua 24 : 14-28—Memory Verses, 22-24.

Golden Text—Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Joshua 24 : 15.

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth : and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in E'gypt ; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Am'orites, in whose land ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods ;

17 For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of E'gypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed :

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Am'orites which dwelt in the land : therefore will we also serve the LORD ; for he is our God.

19 And Josh'ua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD : for he is a holy God ; he is a jealous God ; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Josh'ua, Nay ; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Josh'ua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Is'rael.

24 And the people said unto Josh'ua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Josh'ua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in She'chem.

26 And Josh'ua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Josh'ua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us ; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us : it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Josh'ua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Joshua was now a very old man, and as he knew he must soon die, he called all the children of Israel together to speak to them for the last time. He first reminded them of how good God had been to them in driving out their enemies, and giving them this beautiful land of their own to live in, with its cities already built, and its fields and its vineyards.

Then said Joshua, "Since God has been so good to you, you should fear Him and serve Him only, and put away from among you the idols which your fathers worshiped. If you do not wish to serve the Lord, choose now what other gods you will serve, but, whatever you do, I and my family will always serve the Lord."

Then all the people answered, "God forbid that we should give up serving the Lord

to worship idols, for it was He who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, where we were living in slavery. He took care of us and led us during all those long years in the wilderness, and did many great signs and wonders in our sight. He saved us from our enemies, and any who would have done us harm, and when we came into this land, He helped us to drive the people out, so that we might live here in peace ourselves ; therefore, we also will promise to serve the Lord our God."

Then Joshua said to the people, "Think well about this ; you cannot say you will serve the Lord, and still keep amongst you idols of wood and stone, for God is a holy God, and a jealous God. He will punish you severely, if you worship any other gods than Himself." And the Israelites all cried together once more, "We will serve the Lord!"

So Joshua said, " You are all witnesses this day of what you have promised ; you must therefore put away any idols which you may have among you, and serve only the Lord your God".

And Joshua wrote down all these things in the book of the law of God, and he also took a great stone and set it up under an oak tree, to be a sign to remind Israel always of the promise they had made there, to serve the Lord. And when Joshua had finished talking with them, the people went away every man to his own home.

Not long after this, Joshua died. He was one hundred and ten years old, and he had served the Lord faithfully all his life. And the Israelites buried their good and faithful leader in that part of the land of Canaan which had been given him for his own.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Joshua call together before he died ?
2. Of what did he remind them ?
3. What did he say they should do in return ?
4. What would he and his family do ?
5. What did the Israelites say God had done for them ?
6. What did they promise ?
7. Why did Joshua warn the people to be careful what they promised ?
8. What did they answer ?
9. What did Joshua say they must put away ?
10. Where did Joshua write an account of this gathering ?
11. What did he set up as a sign of Israel's promise ?
12. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

It was bedtime, but the children still sat looking at the pictures in the glowing fire. " I see a fairy godmother ", said Priscilla, " and she says she'll make each one of us into whatever we wish ". " Then I bar to be a general and ride a great war-horse ! " cried Hal. " No, thanks, not for me ", laughed Tom, " I'll choose an easier life. I'll be a king and sit on a throne. "

" Now you, Benny. What'll you be ? " And Priscilla leaned over and patted the baby of the family, sitting on mother's knee. Benny reached up and drew mother's head down to his. " I don't want to be anything but just mother's good boy, " he murmured sleepily. " Benny's made the best choice of all ! " the others shouted gleefully, as mother " shooed " them off to bed.

Lesson Hymn

JESUS, Master, whom I serve,
 Though so feebly and so ill,
 Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
 All Thy bidding to fulfil ;
 Open Thou mine eyes to see
 All the works Thou hast for me. Amen.
 —Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—55. **How may we get the Holy Spirit ?** Jesus says that God will give His Holy Spirit to us if we ask Him.

SHORTER CATECHISM—77. *What is required in the ninth commandment ?* A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

The Question on Missions

6. What is done for Indian boys and girls ? There are 15 schools, in which the children are trained to speak English and to live in a civilized way. The boys learn to farm and take care of cattle, and the girls to keep house. Especially, they receive Christian instruction.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Joshua set up a big stone under a tree, so that every time the people looked at it they would remember how they had promised to



serve God. Every time we enter into the church, it reminds us that we ought to love and obey our Father in heaven. Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD CHOOSE GOD'S SERVICE

Lesson VII.

GIDEON AND HIS THREE HUNDRED November 17, 1907

Judges 7 : 9-23—Memory Verses, 17, 18.

Golden Text—Ye shall not fear them : for the Lord your God he shall fight for you.—Deuteronomy 3 : 22.



9 And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host ; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host :

11 And thou shalt hear what they say ; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

12 And the Mid'ianites and the Amal'ekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude ; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gid'eon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Mid'ian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gid'eon the son of Jo'ash, a man of Is'rael : for into his hand hath God delivered Mid'ian, and all the host.

15 And it was so, when Gid'eon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Is'rael, and said, Arise ; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Mid'ian.

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise : and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gid'eon.

19 So Gid'eon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch ; and they had but newly set the watch : and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal : and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gid'eon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp : and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host : and the host fled to Beth-shit'tah in Zer'erath, and to the border of A'bel-meho'lath, unto Tab'bath.

23 And the men of Is'rael gathered themselves together out of Naph'tali, and out of Ash'er, and out of all Manas'seh, and pursued after the Mid'ianites.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Joshua was dead, the people of Israel did not always worship and serve God, as they had promised to do, but often worshiped idols, like the heathen about them. The Lord was very angry with them for this, and sent enemies against them, who conquered them and oppressed them grievously. But when they repented, God appointed leaders called judges, who helped them to get free again. Yet, as often as the Lord set His people free, they forgot Him and sinned again.

Some of those who fought against Israel came from a land called Midian, and these drove the Israelites from their cities and their homes, and took away their cattle and destroyed their grain, until once more

they cried to the Lord for help. God heard their prayers, and sent one of their own people to deliver them, whose name was Gideon.

Now the army of Israel was very small, but the army of the Midianites was very large ; yet God said even the little army was too big, and that Gideon must take with him only three hundred men ; for God wished to show Israel that it was His power, and not their own power, that could save them. And God told Gideon, if he felt afraid because he had so few soldiers, then he might go first into the Midianites' camp alone with his servant, and there he would hear something that would make him feel safe.

So, one night Gideon and his servant went

down alone into the camp of the Midianites. They lay along in the valley like grasshoppers, there were so many of them, and their camels—no one could count them. Gideon, hidden by the darkness, heard two men talking together. One was telling the other a dream, in which he had seen a round cake of barley bread come tumbling into the camp, and it struck against the general's tent, and the tent was knocked flat on the ground. The second man said, "That loaf means the sword of Gideon: the Lord is going to give all our army into his hand".

When Gideon heard this, he worshiped God, and then hurried back to the three hundred men and told them to rise up, for the Lord would give them the victory. He separated them into three different companies, and put a trumpet in each man's hand, and a pitcher with a lighted lamp inside it. And he told them, that, when they came near the camp of Midian, they must do just as he did—when he blew his trumpet, they must blow also, and cry out, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!"

So the Israelites came very silently down to the camp, and suddenly, at Gideon's signal, they all blew their trumpets, and broke the pitchers that had covered the lamps, and shouted aloud, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!" And when the Midianites heard the noise and saw the flashing lamps, they cried out in fear and fled away, killing each other as they went, for they thought that a great host of the Israelites was amongst them; and so God saved His people once more.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom had Israel promised to worship and serve? 2. After Joshua died, what did they often worship? 3. How did the Lord punish them for this? 4. Whom did God appoint to help them when they repented? 5. Did they stop sinning against Him? 6. What enemies of Israel are mentioned in the Lesson? 7. How did they treat the Israelites? 8. To whom did the Israelites cry for help? 9. Whom did God send to deliver them? 10. How many were in the Midianite army? 11. How many was Gideon to take with him? 12. How was he

made to feel safe? 13. By what plan did he gain the victory? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?

Who will serve the King?

Who will be His helpers

Other lives to bring?

Who will leave the world's side?

Who will face the foe?

Who is on the Lord's side?

Who for Him will go? Amen.

—Hymn 252, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—56. **What will the Holy Spirit do for us?** The Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts, cleansing them from sin and helping us to be good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—78. *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?* A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.

The Question on Missions

7. What do the boys and girls do after they leave school? Most of them go back to the reserves, and make a living as farmers; and some of these are bright examples of success as civilized and Christian leaders amongst their own people.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Gideon had a great battle to fight. But the Lord gave him strength and courage.



And so the sword he used was really the sword of the Lord. *Copy the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE BRAVE

Lesson VIII.

WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

November 24, 1907

Romans 14 : 12-23—Memory Verses, 19-21.

Golden Text—Judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.—Romans 14 : 13.



that man who eateth with offence. 21. *It is* good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith : for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Lesson is from a letter which Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome. Amongst these were many who had been Jews, and who thought that every one who became a Christian should obey all the rules of the Jewish religion. But Paul tried to teach them that, for Jews and Gentiles alike, the great thing was to obey the laws of Jesus.

Each one, Paul said, was to decide for himself what was right; but, at the same time, he was not to expect everybody else to think just as he did: each one had to give an account to God for what he did, and not to others. Paul told the Christians living in Rome that, instead of spending their time criticising and judging their fellow Christians, they should ask themselves, if they were living exactly as they should, if they were careful never to provoke others to jealousy or anger, or, by their example, cause others to sin.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for

whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

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soever *is* not of faith is sin.

Now, there were certain kinds of meat,

which many of the Jewish Christians thought

it was wrong to eat: they called them un-

clean, and thought it very sinful to buy and

eat them. Others thought that there was

no harm in using these kinds of meat. But

Paul says, that even if they thought there

was no harm in this, they should not use

them, if their example should lead some one

else to act against his conscience. True

Christians, he said, should be so filled with

love to their fellow men, that they would be

willing to deny themselves, even those things

which they thought quite right, for the sake

of saving others from doing wrong. For it

does not matter so much what we eat or

drink. The great thing is to live to please

God and help those about us.

As it was with meat, so was it to be with

wine. Those who were trying to be faithful

disciples of Christ should not use it, not only

but

also

on account of the great harm it often did, but because so many people thought it wrong to drink it. And Paul points out the only way to be truly happy: it is by always doing the things the conscience tells us to do and never doing what it forbids.

If there is even the smallest doubt in our hearts, that a thing is not quite right, we should not do it. "For", says Paul, "whatsoever is not done in faith, that is, believing it to be right, is sin."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who wrote the letter from which the Lesson is taken? 2. To whom did he write it? 3. What rules did the Jewish Christians think all should obey? 4. What did Paul teach was the great thing for Christians to do? 5. To whom had each one to give an account? 6. What did many Jewish Christians think it wrong to buy and eat? 7. What did others think about this? 8. How, did Paul say, these should act? 9. Why? 10. Why should they not use wine? 11. What is the only way to be truly happy? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm not going to Sunday School", grumbled Katie, looking out on a dismal, wet street. "It's just freezing cold and raining—and everything; 'sides, I don't ever learn anything new." "I'm not going to Sunday School either", echoed Baby Nell. Mother looked up, and Katie's eyes fell. She didn't like to be reminded that Baby always wanted to do exactly as she did, whether it was right or wrong. Perhaps—perhaps it would be better to be a good ex-

ample to Nell than a bad one. "Katie was naughty, Baby", she said. "Now she's going to be good and go to Sunday School, and so are you." "All right", cried Nell, joyfully. And soon the two went happily off under a big umbrella.

Lesson Hymn

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 Today

THAT I SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—57. **Where do all our good thoughts and desires come from?** The Holy Spirit puts good thoughts and desires into our hearts. 58. **In what other ways is the Holy Spirit our Helper?** The Holy Spirit helps us in our study of the Bible and in prayer.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 76-78.

The Question on Missions

8. What is the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society doing for the Indians? This Society, together with the mission bands of children, provides all the money for work amongst the Indian women and children, and the ladies also provide bales of clothing to protect the destitute Indians from the cold winters of the Northwest.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Think of any one putting a big stone on a nice, smooth road, where other people might fall over it and hurt themselves. Only a very bad person would do this. But if our example tempts some one else to do wrong, we are just like the person who would put the stone in the road. *Color the picture.*



Judges 16 : 21-31—Memory Verses, 28-30.

Golden Text—Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—Eph. 6 : 10.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Ga'za, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Da'gon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Sam'son our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Sam'son, that he may make us sport. And they called for Sam'son out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Sam'son said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Sam'son made sport.

28 And Sam'son called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Sam'son took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Sam'son said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zor'ah and Esh'taol in the burying-place of Mano'ah his father. And he judged Is'rael twenty years.

THE LESSON RETOLD

A long time after the days of Gideon, the Philistines, a powerful heathen nation near by, conquered the Israelites, and ruled in their land. But God gave the Israelites a leader or judge, named Samson, who was a very strong man. He was so strong, that at one time he tore a young lion in pieces with his hands, and at another, he killed a thousand of the Philistines with the jawbone of an ass.

Now Samson had never drunk wine, nor had had his hair cut, because he was a Nazirite: God had set him apart from his birth to serve Him, and to begin to deliver the Israelites out of the hands of the Philistines. But Samson did wrong in making some of the Philistines his friends. Amongst these was a wicked woman, named Delilah. By deceiving Samson, she found out that it was his long hair which made him so strong, and one day when he was asleep, she cut off his hair and then delivered him up to his enemies. He could no longer fight

against them, for all his strength was gone. So the Philistines put out his eyes and shut him up in prison, where he was made to grind their corn.

But God took pity on Samson, and when his hair began to grow, his strength began to come back to him again, although he told no one of this. Then, one day, the great lords of the Philistines called all the people together in their idol's house, to offer up sacrifices and rejoice because Samson was taken.

And when they were making merry, they cried, "Send for Samson, to make sport for us!" So they sent and brought poor blind Samson out of the prison and made sport of him, setting him up between two pillars in the house of their idol. Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there, and besides, upon the roof were about three thousand people, and these all mocked and laughed at Samson.

And Samson asked the boy who was leading him to let him lean upon the pillars which supported the temple; and the boy guided him up to them. Then Samson prayed, saying, "O Lord, remember me, I pray Thee, and give me strength just this once!" And he put his arms around the pillars and bent forward, and his great strength cracked the pillars, and they broke in pieces, and the whole house fell down, killing the lords of the Philistines, and all the other people in it. Samson died with them; but in his death he had slain more of his enemies than he had in his lifetime. And his relations came and carried his body away and buried it in his father's sepulchre.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What nation had conquered Israel?
2. Whom did God raise up as a leader for His people?
3. How strong was Samson?
4. What wrong thing did he do?
5. Who became his great friend?
6. What, did she find out, made Samson so strong?
7. What did she do?
8. Who then captured Samson?
9. What did they do to him?
10. What happened when his hair began to grow?
11. Where was there a great gathering of the Philistines?
12. Why did they send for Samson?
13. How did he destroy many of them?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Johnny looked up into mother's face. "It was just a teenty, weenty white one, I came near telling, but I didn't; I remembered what you said." "That's right, dear," mother answered. "If you always believe God is near to help you He will do it."

That very afternoon, unfortunately, Johnny sent a big snowball crashing into old Mr. Smith's window. But he remembered. It wasn't very easy to go in and tell the cross old man about it; but Johnny's Helper helped him once again. And Mr. Smith was not so cross after all, when Johnny promised to pay for the broken pane.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up for Jesus, Christian, stand!
 Firm as a rock on ocean's strand!
 Beat back the waves of sin that roll
 Like raging floods around thy soul! Amen.

—Hymn 260, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—59. What warning is given us in the Bible about the Holy Spirit?

The Bible tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit.
60. How may we grieve the Holy Spirit?
 All sinful thoughts, words, or actions grieve the Holy Spirit.

SHORTER CATECHISM—79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

The Question on Missions

9. What are some of the discouragements in Indian work? The Indian, like the white man, wants to please himself rather than to please God—and even more than in the case of the white man. The Indian's will is weak, and he is ready to follow the crowd, and so he readily yields to drinking and other bad habits.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Samson was strong so long as he did what was right. But when he did wrong, God took his strength from him. God gives us



many blessings. We must be careful to use these in the right way, or He will take them from us. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL MAKE ME STRONG

RUTH'S WISE CHOICE

Decen.ber 8, 1907

Ruth 1 : 14-22—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.—Ruth 1 : 16.

brought me home again empty ; why *then* call ye me Na'omi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me ?

22 So Na'omi returned, and Ruth the Moab'itess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab : and they came to Beth'lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It happened once, that there came a terrible famine upon the land of Canaan, and numbers of the people went away into other countries, where there was plenty of food. Amongst these was a woman of Bethlehem, named Naomi, with her husband and her two sons.

They settled in the land of Moab ; but soon afterwards, the husband died, and Naomi and her two sons were left alone. They lived on in Moab for ten years, and the sons married, and they, too, died ; and Naomi was now left with only her two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah. Naomi felt very sad and lonely, now that she had not one of her own family left to her in this strange country ; so she made up her mind to go back to her old home in Bethlehem, for she had heard that the famine in Canaan was over.

Her daughters-in-law started with her on her journey ; but after they had gone some distance, Naomi said to them, " You must

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again : and Or'pah kissed her mother in law ; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods : return thou after thy sister in law.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee : for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God :

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried : the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19 So they two went until they came to Beth'lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth'lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is* this Na'omi ?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Na'omi, call me Mar'a : for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath

not come with me any further ; go back to your own homes and your own country ". Ruth and Orpah were very sad at this, and wept bitterly ; but at last Orpah bade her good-by, and went back the way they had come. But Ruth clung to Naomi, and would not leave her.

Then Naomi said, " You see that your sister has gone back to her own people and her own gods, why do you not go too ? " And Ruth answered, " Do not ask me to leave you, I pray ; for, whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy friends shall be my friends, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried, and may God punish me, if I ever allow anything but death to separate me and thee".

When Naomi saw how much Ruth loved her and how much she wanted to go with her, she did not ask her again to return to Moab. So they two went on, until they came at last to the city of Bethlehem, where Naomi used

to live. And her old friends said, "Can this really be Naomi?" And she answered, "Do not call me Naomi, which means pleasant; but call me Mara, which means bitter, for God has sent great trouble upon me. When I left here, my husband and two sons were with me, but now they are all dead, and I am very sorrowful." And she and Ruth went away to their own house.

But God was good to Naomi, and she was comforted in her old age by her daughter-in-law's love and care. And Ruth married again a kinsman of Naomi; and she had a little son whom Naomi loved almost as much as she had loved her own sons. This boy became the grandfather of King David, and Jesus Himself was descended from him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What trouble once came upon Israel?
2. What did some of the people do?
3. Who belonged to one family which left Canaan?
4. Whither did they go?
5. What happened then to the father and sons?
6. Who only was left to Naomi?
7. Whither did she decide to go?
8. Who started with her?
9. After they had gone some distance, what did she say to them?
10. Tell the words that Ruth said to Naomi?
11. Whither did they both go afterwards?
12. How did Naomi's old friends greet her?
13. What was her answer?
14. What was her answer?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Baba was a little Hindu boy, whose mother brought him to the Mission School, when the famine was so bad that she had nothing to give him to eat. In the school he got good food every day, and, best of all, he learned to worship God, instead of the idols which his parents worshiped.

But one day, when the famine was over, Baba's mother came and demanded her little son. "Will I have to worship idols, if I go home again?" asked Baba. "What else would you worship?" questioned the mother in surprise. "The good teachers here have taught me about the only true God; so I want to stay and learn more about Him. Then I will come and tell it to you." And Baba was allowed to stay and learn still more about the true God.

Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee!
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

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

—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—61. **How may we please the Holy Spirit?** We may please the Holy Spirit by doing what He puts into our hearts.

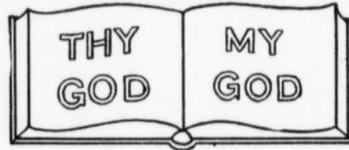
SHORTER CATECHISM—80. *What is required in the tenth commandment?* A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.

The Question on Missions

10. With what success have Indian missions met? The simple fidelity of a Christian Indian often puts to shame the lukewarmness of those of us who have had far greater opportunities. The 300 church members and 350 pupils in mission schools testify to good work done.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Ruth gave up her home and everything she had, to go with poor Naomi. But she



was rewarded in a wonderful way. The picture tells how. Ruth found Naomi's God, who is our God too. Copy the picture.

**I Have Learned To-day That
GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW HIM**

1 Samuel 3 : 1-21—Memory Verses, 8-10.

Golden Text—Speak, Lord ; for thy servant heareth.—1 Samuel 3 : 9.

1 And the child Sam'uel ministered unto the LORD before E'ti. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days ; *there was* no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when E'ti was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see :

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Sam'uel was laid down to sleep ;

4 That the LORD called Sam'uel : and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I ; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not ; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Sam'uel. And Sam'uel arose and went to E'ti, and said, Here am I ; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son ; lie down again.

7 Now Sam'uel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Sam'uel again the third time. And he arose and went to E'ti, and said, Here am I ; for thou didst call me. And E'ti perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore E'ti said unto Sam'uel, Go, lie down ; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD ; for thy servant heareth. So Sam'uel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Sam'uel, Sam'uel. Then Sam'uel answered, Speak ; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Sam'uel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against E'ti *all things* which I have spoken concerning his house : when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth ; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of E'ti, that the iniquity of E'ti's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Sam'uel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Sam'uel feared to shew E'ti the vision.

16 Then E'ti called Sam'uel, and said, Sam'uel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee ? I pray thee hide it not from me : God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Sam'uel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD : let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Sam'uel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-she'ba knew that Sam'uel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shi'loh : for the LORD revealed himself to Sam'uel in Shi'loh by the word of the LORD.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There lived once in Israel a good old high priest named Eli ; but he had two sons who were very wicked men, although they, also, were priests in God's holy tabernacle. And God was displeased with Eli because he did not punish his sons for their wickedness ; and sent a prophet to tell him that they would both die in one day.

Now Eli had helping him in the tabernacle a little boy called Samuel, who had been set apart by his mother to the service of the Lord, when he was a baby. One night, when Eli had lain down to rest in the tabernacle, Samuel lay down also ; and he heard a voice calling him. He thought it was Eli, and at once got up and ran to him, saying, " Here I am ".

But Eli answered, " I did not call you, go and lie down again ". So Samuel went and lay down ; and again he heard the voice, and went to Eli and said, " Here I am, for thou didst call me ". And Eli answered, " No, my son, I did not call you ; go and lie down again ". And Samuel heard the voice a third time, and once more went back to Eli saying, " Here I am, for I am sure thou didst call me ".

Then Eli knew that it was the Lord who had called the child ; so he told him what he should do. " Go and lie down ", he said, " and if He call thee again, say, ' Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth ' ". So Samuel went and lay down again ; and the Lord came and called as before, " Samuel, Samuel!"

And Samuel answered as Eli had told him to do, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth".

Then the Lord told him that He was going to do something that would make every one who heard of it afraid; for He would send the dreadful punishment He had spoken of before upon Eli and his sons,—upon the sons for their wickedness, and upon Eli for not keeping them from doing wrong. And even although they offered up sacrifices and burnt offerings for their sins, He would not hear them nor forgive them.

After the Lord had finished speaking, Samuel lay still until the morning, and then he rose and opened the doors of the tabernacle, which was one of his daily duties. He was afraid to tell Eli what God had said. But Eli called him, and asked him what message the Lord had given to him. He said, "Do not try to hide it, for the Lord will punish you if you hide anything from me of what he said". So Samuel told him every word, and Eli said, "Let the Lord do what seems right to Him; I deserve to be punished".

And Samuel grew, and the Lord blessed him, and all the people knew that God had chosen him to be one of His prophets.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Eli? 2. What were his two sons like? 3. Why was God displeased with Eli? 4. What did He say would happen to his sons? 5. Who helped Eli in the tabernacle? 6. What did Samuel hear one night? 7. To whom did he go? 8. What did Eli say? 9. How many times was Samuel called? 10. Whose voice did Eli think had called him? 11. What did he tell Samuel to answer if the voice spoke again? 12. Did God speak to Samuel again? 13. Whom did God say He would punish? 14. What did Samuel fear to do in the morning? 15. What did Eli say to him? 16. How did Eli receive God's message? 17. What did Samuel become when he grew up? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O give me Samuel's mind,
A sweet, un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned

To Thee in life and death,
That I may read with childlike eyes
Truths that are hidden from the wise. Amen.
—Hymn 577, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—62. **What is a Christian?** A Christian is one who loves and follows Jesus Christ. 63. **What does following Jesus Christ mean?** To follow Jesus Christ is to trust and obey him.

SHORTER CATECHISM—81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?* A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

The Question on Missions

11. What is our church doing for the Chinese in Canada? Work is being carried on through Sunday Schools, Christian Associations, preaching services and personal visitation, by seven missionaries and a large number of Sunday School teachers and other workers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is Samuel speaking to Eli. God had just called the little boy. He speaks to all



boys and girls in some way, though they may not hear His voice. He tells them to be good and kind. *Color* the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HEED GOD'S VOICE

1 Samuel 7 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.—1 Samuel 7: 3.



When the Israelites went into battle they used to take with them the ark of the Lord, to show that they looked to God for help. But once, it happened, in a battle with the Philistines, that the enemy got possession of the sacred ark and carried it off to one of their own cities. Soon, however, one trouble after another came upon them, so that they hurriedly sent back the ark into the land of Israel again. There it was taken to the city of Kirjath-jearim, and left for twenty years in the house of a man named Abinadab.

This was not the proper place in which to keep the ark of the covenant of the Lord: it should have been taken to the tabernacle which had been set up in Shiloh; but God's people were too often very careless in the way they treated God's sacred ark.

Once more the Israelites sinned—in the worst way—against God; they began to worship the idols of the heathen nations

around them. Then Samuel, who was now one of the judges of Israel, said to the people, "If you will put away these idols from among you and serve the Lord only, He will deliver you from the Philistines". And when the Israelites had obeyed Samuel, he said, "Come all of you now to the city of Mizpeh, and I will pray for you". So all the people gathered together in Mizpeh, and there they confessed their wickedness, saying, "We have sinned against the Lord".

When the Philistines heard that so many people were gathered together in one place, they thought it was a good chance to go up and fight against them. So a great army came up to give battle to the Israelites. And the men of Israel were afraid, and said to Samuel, "Pray the Lord for us all the time, that He may save us". And Samuel took a young lamb, and offered it up to the Lord, praying to Him to save His people. And the Lord heard; for, while Samuel was offering up the lamb, and the Philistines drew near to fight, the Lord sent a great storm of thunder and lightning upon them, which filled them with so great fear, that they fled away in terror.

Then the men of Israel came out of Mizpeh, and, running after the Philistines, killed a great many of them. Thus the Lord helped His people to win a great victory. And Samuel set up a stone to mark the place where the Lord had helped them; and he called it Ebenezer, which means, "the stone of help".

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the Israelites take with them into battle?
2. What became of it in one battle?
3. What happened to the Philistines because of it?
4. What did they do?
5. How did the Israelites again sin against God?
6. What did Samuel tell them to do?
7. Where did he gather them together?
8. What did they confess?
9. Who came to give them battle?
10. What did they beg Samuel to do?
11. What did Samuel do?
12. How were the Philistines filled with fear?
13. What did they do?
14. What memorial did Samuel set up of this victory?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
 Service such as I can bring ;
 Yet I long to prove and show
 Full allegiance to my King.
 Thou an honor art to me ;
 Let me be a praise to Thee. Amen.
 —Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—64. **Can a little child be a Christian?** Yes. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 79-81.

The Question on Missions

12. What are the Chinese in Canada doing for missions among their own countrymen? They contribute about \$3,000 a year in support of the mission in Macao, China. This amount comes from about 1,000 Chinese in 50 Sunday Schools.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PRAY FOR OTHERS

CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Matt. 2 : 1-12

At the time when God had promised that Jesus should be born, a company of wise men came to Jerusalem from a country far to the east, looking for Him. They went first to Herod, who was then king in Judea, and asked him, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him". Herod called some of the priests and scribes, and asked them where Christ was to be born. They answered, "In Bethlehem of Judea", for so the Jews' own prophet Micah had written.

Then Herod asked the wise men to tell him all about the star, and afterwards he sent them to Bethlehem in search of the new King, saying that he himself wished to come and worship Him. But Herod, all the time, was plotting to kill Jesus.

So the wise men left Jerusalem, and went to Bethlehem. The star they had seen in the east went before them, until it stood over the house where the young child was. The visitors eagerly entered the house, and when they saw the babe, with Mary His mother, they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they gave Him splendid gifts, gold and precious perfumes and spices, which were the first Christmas presents. "And being warned of God in a dream, that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

Lesson Hymn

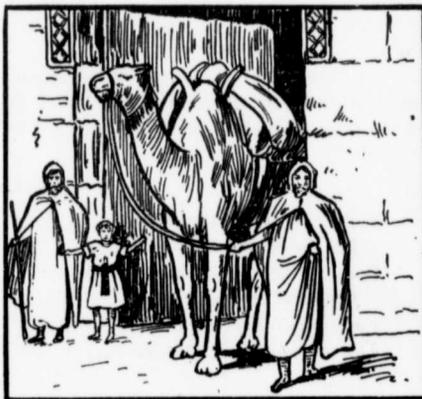
As with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold ;
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright ;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we
 Evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
 At Thy cradle rude and bare ;
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasure bring,
 Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What is this strange looking place? It is an inn like the one in which Jesus was born.



Only, our Saviour was born in a much poorer place than this: it was in the stable of the inn. Color the picture.

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

December 29, 1907

Golden Text—Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.—Psalm 65 : 11.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS, viz. : BIBLE WORK ; SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES ; PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 48-64 ; SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 73-81. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN ; THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS—Questions 1-12.

A New Home

The Lessons for the Quarter show us the Israelites taking possession of, and dwelling in, their new home, the beautiful land of Canaan which the Lord had long promised to them.

In Lesson I. we see the great leader, who took Moses' place, and led God's people into their homeland. What was the leader's name ?

There is a wide, deep river in Lesson II., which they must cross before they can get into the Promised Land. What is the river called ? And how did they get safely across it ?

In Lesson III. the Israelites are in Canaan, and we see them marching round a city with high, strong walls, once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day. Then the priests blow loudly on their trumpets, the people shout with all their might, and—what happens ?

Here, in Lesson IV., we have a brave old man, asking Joshua to give him a certain city for his share of Canaan. Who is the man ? And what is the name of the city ?

Lesson V. tells about six cities. What were they called ? Who might find shelter in them ?

Look at the great gathering in Lesson VI. All Israel has come together before Joshua. And they make a solemn promise to serve—to serve whom ?

Lesson VII. tells of some enemies who came into Israel's land to oppress them. Who were these ? And what leader did God raise up to drive them out ?

Lesson VIII. is the special Quarterly Temperance Lesson.

In Lesson IX. we see a great crowd of Israel's enemies gathered in one of their idol temples. Who is making sport for them ? From whom did he ask strength ? How did he use his strength ? What happened to the crowd ?

Lesson X. shows us two women coming back to Canaan. One of them has lived there before. What is her name ? Who is the other woman ? To what country did she belong ? Why was she coming to Canaan ? Where did the two women at last make their home ?

Lesson XI. is about a young boy in Israel. He lived in God's house, and helped an old priest. One night, while he was sleeping, a voice spoke to him. Whose voice did he think it was ? Whose was it really ? What did the old priest tell him he should answer to the voice ? What was the boy's name ?

In Lesson XII. we have Samuel again, but now he is a man. Some powerful enemies are making battle against the Israelites. Who are these enemies ? The Israelites beg Samuel to pray to God for them. And when he prays, what happens ? What did Israel's enemies do ?

Lesson Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
*Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven,
*Father, unto Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise. Amen.*

—Hymn 24, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That God is Good

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.

LESSON I. Joshua, Israel's New Leader.

LESSON VII. Gideon and His Three Hundred.

LESSON II. Israel Enters the Land of Promise.

LESSON VIII. World's Temperance Sunday.

LESSON III. The Capture of Jericho.

LESSON IX. The Death of Samson.

LESSON IV. Caleb's Faithfulness Rewarded.

LESSON X. Ruth's Wise Choice.

LESSON V. The Cities of Refuge.

LESSON XI. The Boy Samuel.

LESSON VI. Joshua Renewing the Covenant with Israel.

LESSON XII. Samuel the Upright Judge.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name..... Address.....

Name of Sabbath School..... Teacher's Name.....

LATE 1907	OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				DECEMBER					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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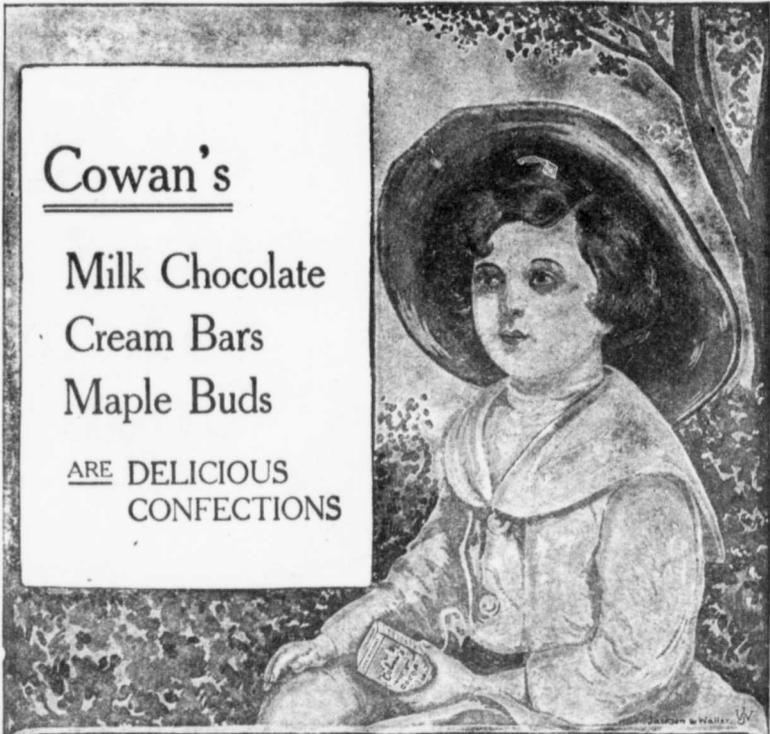
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