

# The Home Study Quarterly

FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

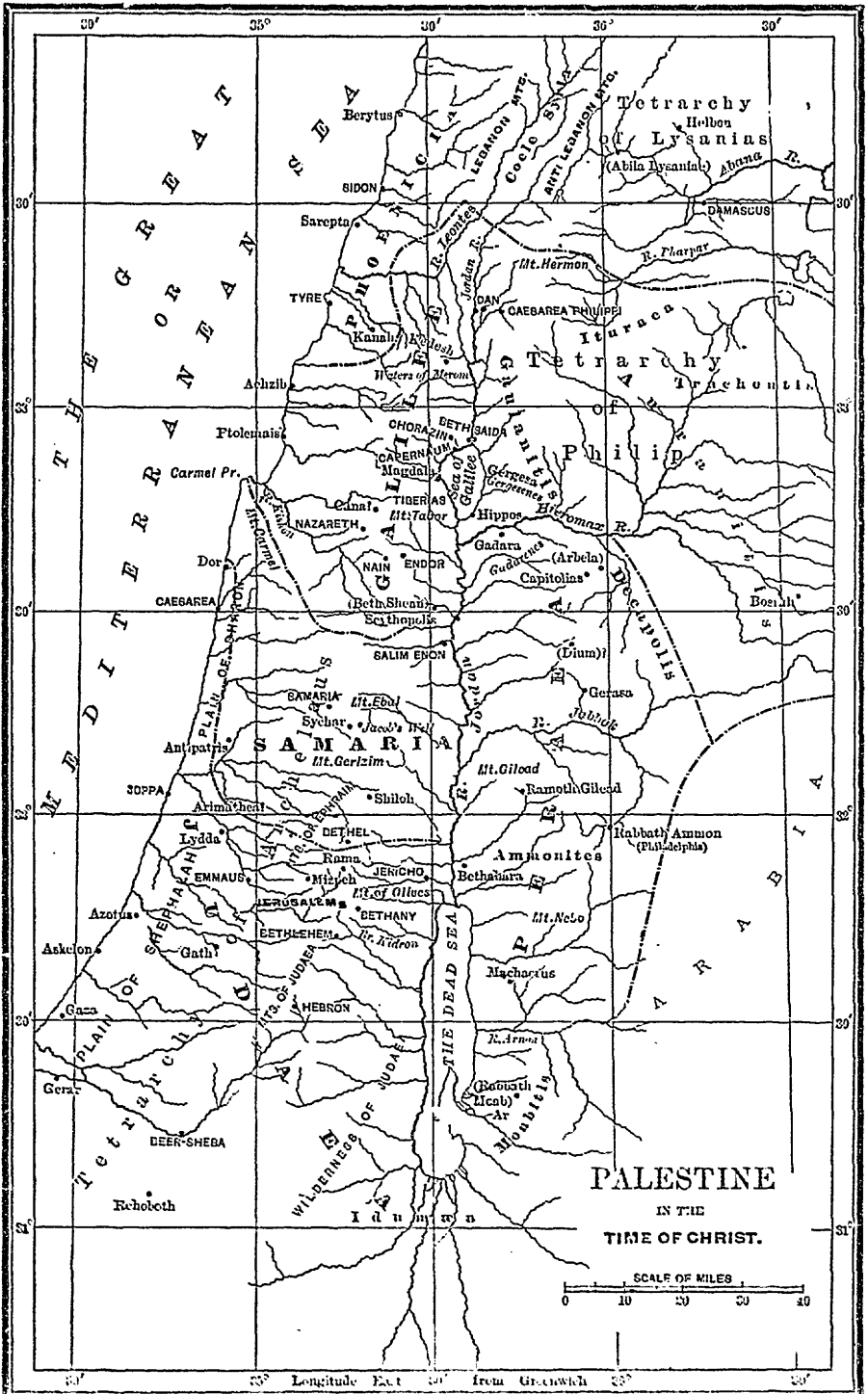
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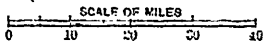
## ORDER OF EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

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Events preceding the birth of Jesus (I).....	_____	_____	1:5-70	
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"Who is my mother and who are my brethren" ?.....	12:38-50	3:31-35	{ 8:19-21 11:37-13:9 }	
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Contention for pre-eminence.....	18:1-30	9:33-50	9:46-50	
The seventy disciples sent out.....	_____	_____	10:1-16	
Jesus at the Feast of the Tabernacles.....	_____	_____	_____	7:2-8; 50
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# The Lessons of the First Quarter, 1896.

**To the Scholar.**—Study the lesson carefully, turning up all the marginal references, and reviewing the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and answer in writing the questions on the lesson without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. If you cannot come to Sabbath school, fill out one of the "Excuses for Absence" and send it, with your written answers, to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

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## HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Since this number of the Quarterly will go into the hands of a great many of our scholars who have perhaps not yet heard of, or if they have heard, have but imperfectly understood, the meaning of HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, we give once more an outline of the scheme. It consists of four departments, in each of which there are diplomas, medals and prizes awarded to successful candidates. These are open to any person, old or young, connected with our Churches and Sabbath-schools. The examinations are not competitive, that is, all who come up to the required standard receive a diploma, prize, or medal as the case may be. Each department stands by itself. You may take any one alone, or you may take more than one, and will be entitled to all the honors you may obtain in them.

Candidates are classified according to age. Those under fifteen years of age are Juniors; those fifteen but not twenty are Intermediates; and all 20 and over are Seniors. A separate paper is set for each grade, and the questions are uniform all over the church. All the examinations are held on the same day and at the same hour. You need not go from home to be examined. Papers will be sent, if you wish, to your own pastor, superintendent, or teacher, and you may be examined in your own school-room, or any other convenient place.

I. The First Department embraces the *S. S. Lessons* for 1895. If you are over 20 years of age, you must read in addition, Stalker's "Life of Jesus Christ," a small book of 140 pages and exceedingly interesting. For all under twenty years of age nothing more is required than to have studied their lessons faithfully. Should you prefer it, you may be examined at the end of each quarter, instead of in January on the work of the whole year.

Those who wish to study Stalker's "Life of Christ," only, may take the paper on it without taking that on the *S. S. Lessons*. Diplomas, (but not medals or prizes) will be given for it and scholars of any grade may enter. Could not your Bible Class, or Y. P. S. C. E. take this course?

II. The Second Department covers the first 38 questions in the *Shorter Catechism*. The text-book, Salmond's Primer, contains 85 pages, an average of about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to each question. Not a very hard task for a diligent scholar. More than this, the values attached to the answers are so arranged that in the Junior and Intermediate grades 60% of the maximum is given for writing down correctly the answers to questions in the catechism.

The General Assembly also offers a beautiful diploma to all who are able to repeat correctly the whole catechism at one recitation. This may be taken at any time during the year.

III. The Third Department covers the *History* of our mother church in Scotland. No more thrilling story has ever been told. To read it arouses loyal enthusiasm for her principles and proud thankfulness that we are sprung from such a noble lineage. The Junior text-book contains 96 pages. You could read it through in a week, if necessary, but a year spent upon it would not be lost time. The Senior text-book contains 161 pages, and if you can answer the questions at the end of each chapter you will "sweep the paper" next January.

IV. If you are good at composition, you would do well to try the *Essay*. Send for a copy of the Syllabus in order to see what kind of an Essay is required.

It would be a good idea if a number of you should form a "circle" for study, especially of the Life of Christ, the Shorter Catechism, or Scottish Church History. You would easily find some one who would be delighted to encourage you by becoming your leader. Are we asking too much? If not, show your appreciation of the efforts we are making for your welfare by preparing for the examination.

The date of next examination is January 25th, 1896.

For Question Papers and all information write to Rev. W. FARQUHARSON, Vice-Convenor, Claude, Ont.

## LESSON I—January 5th, 1896.

### The Forerunner of Christ. LUKE I: 5-17.

(Commit to memory verses 15 and 16).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways." Luke I: 76.

PROVE THAT—We should prepare for Christ's coming. Isa. 40: 3.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 39. *What is the duty which God requireth of man?* A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*. Nos. 248, 249, 26, 28.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. The Forerunner of Christ. Luke I: 5-17. *Tuesday*. A wonderful infancy. Luke I: 59-66. *Wednesday*. Prophecy of greatness. Luke I: 67-80. *Thursday*. Service of the altar. Ex. 30: 1-10. *Friday*. The Lord's Messenger. Mal. 3: 1-6. *Saturday*. Promise of Elijah. Mal. 4. *Sabbath*. Christ's testimony to John. Matt. 11: 7-14. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. This Gospel was written by Luke, "the beloved physician" (Col. 4: 14), who was the companion of Paul, and also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. The first two chapters have been called "The Gospel of the Infancy," because they narrate events connected with the birth and youth of Jesus.

LESSON PLAN. I. His Godly Parents. vs. 5-7. II. His Birth Announced. vs. 8-14. III. His Character Described. vs. 15-17.

I. When king David arranged the order of service in connection with the tabernacle<sup>1</sup> he divided the priests into twenty-four courses, appointing each to serve a week at a time and twice during the year. The course on duty appointed by lot the one who was to offer the daily incense.<sup>2</sup> On the occasion referred to in our lesson, this had fallen to an aged and pious priest called Zacharias. Both he and his wife Elisabeth were well-known for their consistent, godly lives.<sup>3</sup>

II. As Zacharias was offering the incense alone in the Holy Place, as the law required,<sup>4</sup> the angel Gabriel appeared to him, and bidding the astonished priest not to fear,<sup>5</sup> announced to him that his prayer, and that of all Israel, was about to be answered. The long-promised Messiah would soon come, and the son, which God was to give him, would be the herald of

His advent. The birth of this son, whom he was to name John, would not only bring joy and gladness to his own childless home, but many others also would rejoice with him.

III. The angel then proceeded to describe the character of this Forerunner of Christ. He would be bound by the strict vow of the Nazirite<sup>6</sup> to indicate his entire consecration to the service of God. The Holy Spirit would enter into him as soon as he was born, so that from his earliest years he would be enlightened, guided, and sanctified by Him.<sup>7</sup> He would be the means of turning many from sin to the service of God. The effect of his ministry would be to increase family affection, heal discord, make parents anxious for the salvation of their children, and children for that of their parents, and so by awakening men to feel their need of a Saviour prepare them to receive him.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Chr. 24: 10. <sup>2</sup> Ex. 30: 7, 8, 34. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 119: 6; 2 Cor. 1: 12. <sup>4</sup> Lev. 16: 17. <sup>5</sup> Dan. 10: 8; Acts 10: 4; Rev. 1: 17. <sup>6</sup> Num. 6: 1-5; Judges 13: 5; 1 Sam. 1: 12. <sup>7</sup> Jer. 1: 5; Ps. 22: 9, 10; Gal. 1: 5. <sup>8</sup> Mal. 4: 4-6; 3: 1; Matt. 11: 14; 17: 10-13.

LESSONS. 1. Religion makes happy and beautiful every home in which it dwells. 2. God's angels are sent to minister to his people. 3. God will answer every prayer, so far as it is for his own glory and our good. 4. No one is too young to be filled with the Holy Spirit. 5. Repentance must precede pardon and acceptance with God.

## LESSON II—January 12th, 1896.

### The Boy Jesus. LUKE 2 : 40-52.

(Commit to memory verses 51 and 52).

**GOLDEN TEXT :** "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."  
Luke 2 : 52.

**PROVE THAT—**We should obey our parents. Eph. 6 : 1.

**SHORTER CATECHISM.** Quest. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?* A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 33, 232, 215, 207.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* The Boy Jesus. Luke 2 : 40-52. *Tuesday.* The Passover feast. Deut. 16 : 1-8. *Wednesday.* Youthful piety. 2 Chr. 34 : 1-7. *Thursday.* Seeking after wisdom. Prov. 4 : 1-13. *Friday.* The Father's business. John 5 : 17-24. *Saturday.* The best knowledge. 2 Tim. 3 : 10-17. *Sabbath.* Growing in grace. 2 Pet. 3 : 11-18. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** The incident of our lesson marks Christ's coming of legal age and his entrance upon Jewish citizenship. With his first passover he assumed the duties of a full member of the Jewish church. Of the preceding years since the return to Nazareth we know nothing. Nor have we any information of the next eighteen. This is the solitary notice of the life of our Lord between the return from Egypt and his baptism at the age of thirty. It was a memorable crisis in his religious life and the story should be full of instruction to those especially who have passed the age of twelve and have not yet taken their places at the Christian Passover, the Lord's Supper.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. Jesus at the Feast. vs. 40-45. II. Jesus in the Temple. vs. 46-50. III. Jesus at Nazareth. vs. 51-52.

I. Jesus was just like any other boy, only pure and sinless. He doubtless loved innocent sports and games, and tried to grow wiser as well as stronger every day. He loved God and the divine blessing rested upon him. At the age of twelve he went with Mary and Joseph to take part in his first passover.<sup>2</sup> This was to him very much the same as "joining the church" with us. It was his public profession of faith in the Covenant God and Redeemer of Israel. Christian children should follow his example and give their hearts to God when young, then come forward and confess Jesus as their Saviour, and unite with his people. When the time came to return home,<sup>3</sup> Mary and Joseph were not anxious about Jesus, for they supposed that he was somewhere in the company, with his young companions, and would come to them by and bye. But when night came on and he did not appear, nor could they find him anywhere, they were filled with alarm and returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

II. They searched for him all the next day and on the following one found him in one of the rooms of the temple, with a number of the Rabbis, or Bible teachers, eagerly asking them questions, shewing by his wise answers that he had studied his Bible thoughtfully.<sup>4</sup> When his mother gently reproached him for having

given them so much anxiety, Jesus replied that they might have known that he was in his Father's house engaged in his Father's business. God was his Father and surely the Son's place was in his temple studying his law.<sup>5</sup>

III. Jesus returned with Mary and Joseph to their home at Nazareth. Our lesson says that he was "subject unto them." He was an obedient boy.<sup>6</sup> He did not think it brave and manly to be rude or unkind. If Jesus, who was really so much superior to his parents shewed us this example, how foolish, and unlovely, and wicked for anyone to be unkind, or disobedient, or disrespectful to those who love them so much, sacrifice so much for them, and know so much better what is for their good. When he grew up he was not ashamed of honest work, like too many young people now. He has made toil honorable by being himself a laborer. Once he is called the "carpenter"<sup>7</sup> and it is altogether likely that he learned Joseph's trade and helped to support the household until he laid aside all other employments for that for which he came into the world, the salvation of men. That must have been a happy home where Jesus dwelt all the time. He will dwell in our homes too if we try to be like him, loving him and loving one another.

1 ch. 1 : 30 ; 1 Sam. 2 : 26. 2 Ex. 11. 3 Ex. 12 : 15, 17. 4 Matt. 7 : 28 ; Mark 1 : 22 ; Luke 4 : 22, 32 ; John 7 : 13, 46. 5 John 2 : 15 ; Luke 9 : 45 ; 18 : 34. 6 Ex. 20 : 12 ; Prov. 1 : 8 ; Col. 3 : 20 ; Luke 2 : 19. 7 Mark 6 : 23.

**LESSONS.** 1. Jesus cared for the body. 2. Jesus studied his lessons. 3. Jesus read his Bible well. 4. Jesus went to church with his parents. 5. Jesus made public profession of his faith. 6. Jesus was obedient to his parents and obliging to everybody.

## LESSON III—January 19th, 1896.

### The Ministry of John the Baptist. LUKE 3: 15-22.

(Commit to memory verses 21 and 22).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1: 29.

**PROVE THAT—**We should point others to Christ. John 1: 41.

**SHORTER CATECHISM.** Quest. 41. *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?* A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 23, 62, 63, 64.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* The Ministry of John the Baptist. Luke 3: 1-14. *Tuesday.* The Ministry of John the Baptist. Luke 3: 15-22. *Wednesday.* A witness-bearer. John 1: 6-18. *Thursday.* Sent before. John 8: 22-30. *Friday.* John's submission to Jesus. Matt. 3: 7-17. *Saturday.* Suffering for faithfulness. Mark 6: 14-20. *Sabbath.* The Preacher and his message. Mark 1: 1-11. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** John began his ministry in A. D. 26, about 17 years after the date of the events in our last lesson. The baptism of Jesus was in January, A. D. 27, and the imprisonment of John in March, A. D. 28. John's ministry began in the Wilderness of Judea, a thinly inhabited region west of the Dead Sea. The baptism of Jesus took place at the fords of the Jordan near Jericho.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. The Message Proclaimed. vs. 15-19. II. The Messenger Persecuted. vs. 19, 20. III. The Messiah Pointed out. vs. 21-22.

I. There was a general expectation amongst the Jews at this time, that the Messiah would shortly appear, and the preaching of John was so earnest and did so much good that some were beginning to think that perhaps he was the Christ. So the priests and others came to him<sup>1</sup> and asked him "Who art thou?" He replied that he was but "a Voice crying in the wilderness" bidding men prepare for Christ's coming. He baptized with water<sup>2</sup> as a symbol of the cleansing away of the sin of every penitent one, but Christ would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.<sup>3</sup> He would really cleanse their hearts by his Spirit and inspire them with love and zeal. He would separate between the good and the bad as the farmer separates between the wheat and the chaff. The one he would save and bless, the other he would punish with terrible destruction.<sup>4</sup> His ministry lasted nearly two years so that the Bible gives us but a few specimens of his teaching.<sup>5</sup> He was really the first preacher of "the gospel," the glad tidings of salvation through Christ.

II. John did not fear to rebuke all whose wickedness called for his censure. The self-righteous pharisees, the dishonest publicans, the cruel soldiers, all fell under his sharp reproof. Herod himself did not escape. John told him that he was living in sin,<sup>6</sup> that he was guilty of tyranny, murder and many other

crimes and excesses. So Herod thought to silence the fearless preacher by shutting him up in the lonely fortress prison of Machaerus at the east side of the Dead Sea in the land of Moab. Here he remained until he was beheaded.<sup>7</sup>

III. When John was preaching and baptizing at Bethabara (probably *Bethany*) across the Jordan from Jericho great multitudes flocked to him from all quarters so that it seemed as if everybody was there. Amongst the rest came Jesus from Nazareth. He was now about thirty years of age and ready to enter upon the work of his ministry. He drew near to John, after the crowd had gone away, but knowing his holy, blameless life John humbly hesitated to baptize one so much better than himself.<sup>8</sup> Yielding, however, to the wishes of Jesus he poured on his head too the symbolic water. As Jesus returned from the river, praying as he went along,<sup>9</sup> both he and John saw what seemed to be the opening of the sky above them and something, dove-like, fluttering down and resting on his head. Then they heard a voice from above saying "This is my beloved Son; in thee I am well-pleased." By this sign John knew that Jesus was the Messiah whom he had been sent to foretell.<sup>10</sup> On two other occasions afterwards the same voice spoke to Jesus.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John 1: 19-25. <sup>2</sup> Matt. 3: 11. <sup>3</sup> Acts 11: 16; 1: 5. <sup>4</sup> Matt. 13: 20. <sup>5</sup> John 1: 29, 34; 3: 27-36. <sup>6</sup> Matt. 14: 3; Mark 6: 17. <sup>7</sup> Matt. 14: 7-11. <sup>8</sup> Matt. 3: 13-15. <sup>9</sup> Matt. 3: 16. <sup>10</sup> John 1: 32-34; Ps. 2: 7; 2 Pet. 1: 7. <sup>11</sup> Matt. 17: 5; John 12: 28-30.

**LESSONS.** 1. We should prepare our hearts to receive Christ. 2. The Holy Spirit cleanses the heart from sin. 3. There must be an everlasting separation between those who believe in Christ and those who refuse to accept him as their Saviour. 4. We cannot escape the penalty of sin by getting angry with God, or his ministers. 5. Jesus "fulfilled all righteousness" on our behalf.

## LESSON IV—January 26th, 1896. The Early Ministry of Jesus. LUKE 4: 14-22.

(Commit to memory verses 13 and 19).

GOLDEN TEXT: "His word was with power." Luke 4: 32.

PROVE THAT--We should go to church regularly. Heb. 10: 25.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 42. *What is the sum of the ten commandments?* A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*. Nos. 83, 69, 87, 38.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. Early Ministry of Jesus. Luke 4: 14-22. *Tuesday*. The ministry rejected. Luke 4: 23-32. *Wednesday*. Ministry of mercy. Luke 4: 33-44. *Thursday*. Isaiah's prophecy. Isaiah 61. *Friday*. Hindered by unbelief. Mark 6: 1-6. *Saturday*. A Deliverer. Isaiah 42: 1-8. *Sabbath*. Made free. Rom. 6: 15-23. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Immediately after his baptism Jesus was tempted in the wilderness (4: 1-13), after which he returned to Jordan and chose his first five disciples (John 1: 35-55). With these he went to Galilee where he changed water into wine at the marriage in Cana. Visiting Jerusalem shortly after, at the Passover, he expelled the traders who profaned the temple by their presence (John 2: 12-25), and was visited by Nicodemus (John 3: 1-27). He returned to Galilee through Samaria, and his interview with the woman at Jacob's well took place on this journey (John 4: 1-26). His fame had preceded him and he was cordially welcomed. At Cana he healed the son of a nobleman who lived at Capernaum, and in his progress through the cities of Galilee comes once more to the town in which he had spent his childhood. He is now entering upon the second year of his ministry, the year of his greatest popularity. About this time, John the Baptist was thrown into prison, and his work as Christ's forerunner came to a close.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Fame of Jesus. vs. 14-16. II. A Prophecy of Jesus. vs. 17-19. III. The Preaching of Jesus. vs. 20-22.

I. At his baptism the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus and he was filled henceforth with his gracious presence and power.<sup>1</sup> The fame of his preaching and miracles spread through all Galilee so that people flocked from all quarters to hear his words and be healed of their diseases.<sup>2</sup> As he taught in their synagogues, or churches, everyone praised him. But he longed to tell those in his old home, at Nazareth, whom he had known from childhood, the glorious news that he now proclaimed. So he seems to have lost little time before he appeared in his usual place in the synagogue there. There was no stated pastor over a synagogue, but the elders asked anyone they chose to read the scripture lessons and preach. Jesus was accordingly invited to conduct the service.

II. The book he opened was not like our Bibles but was a roll of manuscript containing the prophecy of Isaiah. The text he selected to preach from was the first and second verses of the sixty-first chapter. The prophet here was preaching good tidings to the people of his own time, and foretelling that God would restore them from their captivity, but the words were intended to point to Christ. He came to make the poor rich with heavenly treasures,<sup>3</sup> to comfort with pardon those who

were brokenhearted on account of their sins,<sup>4</sup> to deliver his people from the power of sin,<sup>5</sup> to open the eyes of men to see how dreadful sin is and how lovely holiness is,<sup>6</sup> to tell the whole world that God was ready now to save all who should believe on him.<sup>7</sup> When Jesus had read the passage he handed the roll to the person who had the care of it and, according to the custom, sat down to teach the people what it meant.

III. The sermon of Jesus is not given—only its opening words. He told the people that he was the "Anointed One," the Messiah, who was to do all that the prophet promised. His words were of such sweetness and majesty<sup>8</sup> that they all wondered where he could have learnt to speak like that.<sup>9</sup> But while they admired his sermon they disliked the lofty claim which he made for himself. They were not ready to accept their old fellowtownsman as the divine Messiah. And when Jesus told them that God loved others as well as Jews, and would give blessings to obedient gentiles which he would withhold from hard hearted Israelites, they were filled with rage and tried to kill him. But he did not permit them to carry out their wicked purpose for his time to die had not yet come.

<sup>1</sup> Verse 1. <sup>2</sup> Matt. 4: 23-25. <sup>3</sup> Matt. 5: 3. <sup>4</sup> Matt. 5: 4; Rom. 8: 28. <sup>5</sup> John 8: 32, 36; Rom. 6: 16-18. <sup>6</sup> Ps. 119: 18; Prov. 4: 19; Acts 26: 18; Eph. 4: 18. <sup>7</sup> 2 Cor. 6: 2; Isa. 49: 8; Eph. 1: 6, 20. <sup>8</sup> Ps. 45: 2; Isa. 50: 4. <sup>9</sup> Matt. 13: 54; Mark 6: 2; Luke 2: 47; John 6: 42.

LESSONS. 1. We should try to bring our friends to Jesus. 2. We should attend God's house on the Sabbath day. 3. The prophets foretold about Jesus. 4. Jesus brings all blessings with him. 5. One may admire an eloquent sermon and yet have no heart for the gospel that is preached.

## LESSON V—February 2nd, 1896.

### The Power of Jesus. LUKE 5: 17-26.

(Commit to memory verses 22-24).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "The Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." Luke 5: 24.

**PROVE THAT**—Jesus is all-powerful. Heb. 10: 25.

**SHORTER CATECHISM.** Quest. 43. *What is the preface to the ten commandments?* A.

The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Quest.

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

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 162, 37, 49, 100.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* The Power of Jesus. Luke 5: 17-26. *Tuesday.* The Great Physician. Mark 1: 23-34. *Wednesday.* Power to forgive. Luke 7: 36-50. *Thursday.* Forgiveness through Christ. Acts 13: 26-39. *Friday.* Forgiven for his sake. 1 John 2: 1-12. *Saturday.* Plenteous redemption. Psalm 130. *Sabbath.* Blessing of Forgiveness. Psalm 22. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** Rejected at Nazareth, Jesus with his mother and brethren, removed to Capernaum, which henceforth became his place of residence (Matt. 9: 1). Here he soon after formally summoned Peter, Andrew, James and John to be his constant attendants. The miracles of the wonderful draught of fishes, the healing of the demoniac in the synagogue and the curing of Peter's mother-in-law were but instances out of a great number of such works of mercy at this time. He then set-out on his first tour through Galilee. Great multitudes followed him (Matt. 4: 25) and his fame extended beyond the borders of Palestine. On his return to Capernaum the incident recorded in our lesson took place. Parallel passages, Matt. 9: 2-8; Mark 2: 1-12.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. Seeking Jesus. vs. 17-19. II. Sins Forgiven. vs. 20-23. III. Sickness Healed. vs. 24-26.

I. Whenever it was known that Jesus was in a house, it was sure to be thronged with those who wished to hear his teaching or to receive healing for themselves or their friends. So that as soon as he had returned home to Capernaum<sup>1</sup> a great multitude assembled filling the courtyard of the house where he was and crowding around the doorway. Amongst the number were pharisees and learned doctors of the law some of whom had come all the way from Jerusalem to hear and see for themselves this famous Teacher and his miracles. So dense was the crowd that four<sup>2</sup> men who arrived a little late, carrying a palsied friend on a bed, or thick quilt, could not even get in at the door to lay him before Jesus that he might heal him. But they were in earnest and would not mind taking any trouble if they could only get their helpless friend cured, so they went up on the roof by a stairway at the end of the house, and broke through the roof of the room where Jesus stood and let him down through the opening right at his feet.

II. Some of the people, no doubt, were very angry with them for making so much noise and dust, and interrupting the discourse of Jesus, but he saw only their love for their friend and faith in his power and willingness to heal. He could read their hearts and knew that the man was more anxious to know that

his sins were pardoned than even to have his health restored, so he said to him first of all "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins have been forgiven thee." The pharisees and doctors were dreadfully shocked to hear him say that. They thought it was blasphemy for a man to pretend to pardon sin.<sup>3</sup> And so it would have been, but Jesus was more than a man, he was God as well, and they should not have been so hasty in calling him a blasphemer before they knew whether he really had the power he claimed, or not.

III. Jesus knew what they were thinking<sup>4</sup> and to prove to them that he could say and do what none but God could, he told the palsied man to rise up, roll up the mat on which he was lying and walk home. It was easy to say "Thy sins are forgiven thee," and no one could tell whether they were or not, but when the man who had not been able to move hand or foot for years, perhaps, at once did what Jesus told him, no one could doubt that he had power which only God possessed. If he could heal he could pardon. No wonder all were astonished, and felt awed, but many rejoiced, as well as the happy man, that there was one on earth who could pardon sin.<sup>5</sup> We too rejoice because that same Jesus is now exalted a Prince and a Saviour to give us forgiveness too.

<sup>1</sup> Mark 2: 1, R. V. margin. <sup>2</sup> Mark 2: 3. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 32: 5; 103: 3; 130: 4; Isa. 1: 18; 43: 25.

<sup>4</sup> Ps. 139: 1-10; John 2: 24, 25. <sup>5</sup> Dan. 7: 13; John 5: 27; Mark 9: 8.

**LESSONS.** 1. We should persevere in our efforts to bring our friends to Jesus. 2. Jesus receives very graciously those who come to him. 3. Avoid hasty and uncharitable judgments. 4. Jesus knows all our thoughts. 5. He has power now to save to the uttermost.



## LESSON VI—February 9th, 1896.

### The Sermon on the Mount. LUKE 6: 41-49.

(Commit to memory verses 47-49).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say."  
Luke 6: 46.

**PROVE THAT—**Our conduct shews our belief. Jas. 2: 20.

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

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 111, 115, 145, 146.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* The Sermon on the Mount. Luke 6: 20-26. *Tuesday.* The Sermon on the Mount. Luke 6: 27-38. *Wednesday.* The Sermon on the Mount. Luke 6: 39-49. *Thursday.* Blessing of Godliness. Psalm 1. *Friday.* Known by its fruit. Matt. 12: 31-37. *Saturday.* Reaping what is sown. Gal. 6: 1-10. *Sabbath.* The rock foundation. 1 Cor. 3: 8-15. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** Shortly after healing the paralytic, Jesus called Matthew to become his disciple. (Mark 2: 14). We next read that he went up to a feast at Jerusalem (John 5: 1), probably the passover. Returning to Galilee, he continued his ministry, and formally set apart the twelve apostles (Mark 3: 1-19), after which he delivered the Sermon on the Mount, part of which forms our lesson. The "mount" was the double-peaked "Horns of Hattin," so called from the village at its base. Parallel passage Matt. 7: 1-20; 21-29.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. Motes and Beams. vs. 41-42. II. Trees and Fruit. vs. 43-45. III. Rock and Sand. vs. 46-49.

I. Our lesson is only a very small part of the "Sermon on the Mount." (The whole of it, Matthew chapters five to seven, should be read and committed to memory). Three interesting pictures are brought before us to teach three very important truths. The first represents a man who is trying to take a tiny speck out of another man's eye while a much larger one is in his own. He represents those who are always ready to point out the faults of others, but very slow to correct their own much more serious faults. We must try to be ourselves, kind, obliging, truthful, unselfish, &c., if we expect others to be so too. <sup>1</sup>

II. The second picture <sup>2</sup> represents a garden, with fig-trees and vines, surrounded by a hedge of thorns and brambles. No one would ever expect to find the thorn bearing figs, or the bramble bushes, grapes. The figs would be found on fig-trees, and grapes on grape-vines, and if you could not tell in any other way which was which, you could do so at once by the kind of fruit you found growing upon them. Our "fruits" are our words and actions. If we have bad hearts, and think wicked things our lives will correspond to our

hearts and thoughts. But if we love, and think about, only what is good and kind and pure, then our lives will be full of good deeds. <sup>3</sup>

III. The third picture <sup>4</sup> is that of two houses, one built securely out of the way of the spring freshets and with its foundations deep down upon the solid rock. The other, looks almost as well, but it has no foundation under it but blocks at the corners, and the sand and gravel all around it show that when the water comes down after a storm, the torrent sweeps over the place where it stands. The first house will stand firm in any tempest, but the other is swept away before the wind and the rain and the flood of water. It was very easy to build but is unable to resist the storm. Our "houses" are the characters we are forming by our principles and conduct. If we give our hearts to Christ <sup>5</sup> and try always to do what we think he would like to have us do <sup>6</sup> we will be able to bear up against any trial that may come upon us, <sup>7</sup> and when we die we shall be "safe in the arms of Jesus." <sup>8</sup> If we try to live without Christ, we may be crushed by the sorrows and calamities of life, and at death find no Saviour to receive us. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Prov. 18: 17; Rom. 2: 1, 21-23. <sup>2</sup> Matt. 7: 16, 17; 12: 33, 35. <sup>3</sup> Isa. 32: 6; Jer. 13: 23; Prov. 4: 23; 23: 7. <sup>4</sup> Matt. 7: 24-27. <sup>5</sup> 1 Cor. 10: 4. <sup>6</sup> Jas. 1: 22, 25; John 13: 17. <sup>7</sup> 1 Cor. 3: 11-15. <sup>8</sup> Matt. 25: 11, 12; Luke 13: 25; 1 Sam. 2: 30; Prov. 12: 7.

**LESSONS.** 1. We should be more careful to correct our own faults than to point out the faults of others. 2. Our conduct shews what we really are. 3. We should be careful not to allow evil thoughts to stay in our minds. 4. If we really love Christ we will try to do what he wishes. 5. The storms of life test character.

## LESSON VII—February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

### The Great Helper. LUKE 7: 2-16.

(Commit to memory verses 14-16).

GOLDEN TEXT: "They glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us."  
Luke 7: 16.

PROVE THAT—Jesus is loving. John 11: 36.

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

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*. Nos. 5, 37, 228, 30.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. The Great Helper. Luke 7: 1-10. *Tuesday*. The Great Helper. Luke 7: 11-16. *Wednesday*. Life in Christ. John 11: 14-17. *Thursday*. A pitying Helper. John 11: 32-44. *Friday*. Faith in the power of Jesus. Matt. 9: 27-35. *Saturday*. Eternal life. John 10: 22-30. *Sabbath*. Spiritual life. Eph. 2: 1-10. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

#### HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The events in our lesson immediately followed the Sermon on the Mount. The scene of the first is Capernaum.

LESSON PLAN. I. Sickness Cured. vs. 2-10. II. Sorrow Comforted. vs. 11-16.

I. When Jesus had ended the sermon on the mount he was asked to come and heal a sick boy, the servant of a centurion, or captain in the Roman army. This captain was not a Jew but he was a good man and worshipped the true God. He had shewn his love for him by building a synagogue, or church, entirely at his own expense. He had heard about Jesus and believed on him, so, when his young lad, to whom he was much attached, <sup>1</sup> fell sick he asked the elders of the synagogue to go and ask Jesus to come and make him well. He did not go himself because he was a gentile and he thought it would be more respectful to Jesus if the elders would speak for him. But Jesus did not need any persuasion. He knew himself that the centurion was worthy. As they drew near to the house, the centurion sent friends to meet Jesus and say to him that he ought not to trouble himself to come any farther, he was not worthy to receive him under his roof, but just to say that the boy would be well and he knew that the disease would obey him, just as the soldiers obeyed his own commands. <sup>2</sup> Jesus was surprised <sup>3</sup> and pleased at such wonderful humility and faith and at once healed the boy.

Jesus can still heal and bless those for whom we pray.

II. The next day Jesus and his disciples came to a city called Nain, and as they drew near to the gate they met a funeral procession. It was a very large one for so many wanted to shew their sympathy for the poor widow whose only son lay in the coffin that they carried. Jesus always pitied the sorrowing <sup>4</sup> and as the procession came up he laid his hand on the bier so that the bearers would set it down. Then while everybody waited and wondered what he was going to do, he spoke to the dead body and said "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise!" To the astonishment and joy of all he that was dead sat up. The spirit came back to the body, and he was alive again. Jesus gave him back to his mother and all who saw the miracle, or heard about it, said that Jesus was a great prophet. <sup>5</sup> But we know that he was more than a prophet, he was the Lord of life himself. He is just as kind and compassionate now, as then. Although he does not restore our loved ones to life again, we believe that they are "safe in the arms of Jesus" and are waiting for us in heaven. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Job. 31: 15. <sup>2</sup> Luke 2: 13; Matt. 26: 53. <sup>3</sup> Mark 6: 6. <sup>4</sup> Mark 7: 34; 8: 12; John 11: 33-37. <sup>5</sup> ch. 8: 54; John 11: 43; 1 Kings 17: 21; 2 Kings 4: 35; Acts 9: 40. <sup>6</sup> ch. 24: 19; 9: 8, 19; John 3: 2. <sup>7</sup> John 5: 25-28.

LESSONS. 1. Liberality is a proof of love. 2. Jesus loves to be trusted. 3. Jesus sympathises with sorrow. 4. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. 5. He bestows spiritual life and healing.

## LESSON VIII—February 23rd, 1896.

### Faith Encouraged. LUKE 8: 43-55.

(Commit to memory verses 48-50).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." Luke 8: 48.

PROVE THAT—Jesus wishes us to trust him. Luke 8: 50.

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

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*. Nos. 40, 38, 223, 188.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. Faith Encouraged. Luke 8: 41-56. *Tuesday*. Great faith. Matt. 15: 21-28. *Wednesday*. Examples of faith. Heb. 11: 1-10. *Thursday*. Faith failing. Matt. 14: 22-33. *Friday*. Weak faith helped. Mark 9: 17-29. *Saturday*. Trust in the Lord. Psalm 62: 1-5. *Sabbath*. Come boldly. Heb. 4: 11-16. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Matthew, or Levi, the publican, when bidding farewell to his old occupation and companions<sup>1</sup> in order to follow Jesus, made a great feast in his own house, at which Jesus was present. While this was in progress a messenger came from Ja'ir-us, a ruler of the synagogue, requesting him to come and heal his only daughter, a girl about 12 years of age, who lay at the point of death. He at once arose and followed the messenger.<sup>2</sup> Parallel passages Matt. 9: 18-26; Mark 5: 22-43.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Timid Woman. vs. 43-48. II. The Anxious Father. vs. 49-55.

I. As they were passing along the street a poor woman, who had been afflicted with a terrible disease for twelve years, came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak that hung over his shoulder,<sup>3</sup> for she thought, "Jesus is so able and willing to heal sick people that if I can only touch his garment it will be enough to cure me." Jesus knew what she was thinking and doing, and that it would not be good for her to let her steal a blessing in this way. She would be apt to think that his healing power was like some kind of magic that had no connection with his will on the one hand, or her faith on the other. So he healed her because she believed on him, but asked immediately, "Who touched me?"<sup>4</sup> His disciples thought this a strange question where there was such a crowd, and so many touching him all the time. But he meant a different kind of touch from an accidental push. The poor woman saw that he knew what she had done, and so came and confessed why she had done it. Jesus was not angry with her, but confirmed to her the blessing she had received, at the same time telling her that he, and not the garment,<sup>5</sup> had cured her, and that he did it because he saw her faith.<sup>6</sup> If anyone receives a blessing for Jesus' sake they ought to tell others about it, so that Jesus may have the honor that is due him.

II. As they resumed their walk a messenger came and whispered to Jairus that his daughter had died, and that there was no need to trouble Jesus now, it was too late. But Jesus overheard him, and told Jairus that if he only believed<sup>7</sup> in him he could cure his daughter even yet. When they came to the house they found everybody in the deepest grief, and the hired mourners making a great noise with their wailing and doleful music. But Jesus said to them, "Why do you make all this ado, the damsel is not dead, but sleeping."<sup>8</sup> He meant that he was going to turn all their sorrow into joy by bringing her back to life again like a person awakened out of sleep. They all knew that she was dead, and even their respect for Jesus could not keep them from laughing at him for saying that she was only asleep. Passing into the room where the little girl lay (she was only twelve years old), Jesus would let no one come with him but Peter, James and John,<sup>9</sup> and the father and mother of the child. Then he gently took her by the hand and said, "Maid, arise," and her spirit came back to her body, and she rose up alive and well.

Both these miracles shew us how gentle and compassionate Jesus was and is. If we come to him, although our faith is very ignorant and weak, he will accept us, heal us from sin and give us eternal life.

<sup>1</sup> Luke 5: 29; Matt. 9: 10. <sup>2</sup> Mark 5: 24. <sup>3</sup> Num. 15: 38-40. <sup>4</sup> Gen. 3: 9; 4: 9; 2 Kings 5: 25; Luke 24: 19. <sup>5</sup> Acts 19: 11, 12. <sup>6</sup> Isa. 66: 2; Acts 16: 29. <sup>7</sup> John 11: 25, 26; Matt. 13: 58. <sup>8</sup> John 11: 11-14; 1 Cor. 15: 6, 51; 1 Thess. 4: 13. <sup>9</sup> Mark 9: 2; 14: 33.

LESSONS. 1. The only cure for the malady of sin is to touch Jesus with the hand of faith. 2. We should bear testimony for him before men. 3. Answers to prayer are often delayed in order that a richer blessing may come with the answer. 4. Death is but a sleep to the Christian. 5. Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

## LESSON IX—March 1st, 1896.

### Jesus the Messiah. LUKE 9: 18-27.

(Commit to memory verses 23-26).

GOLDEN TEXT: "This is my beloved Son: hear him." Luke 9: 35.

PROVE THAT—We should confess Christ openly. Rom. 10: 9.

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

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*. Nos. 30, 60, 146, 98.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. Jesus the Messiah. Luke 9: 18-27. *Tuesday*. Testimony from heaven. Luke 9: 28-36. *Wednesday*. Foretold in prophecy. Isaiah 53. *Thursday*. John's record. John 1: 19-28. *Friday*. The Spirit's witness. John 1: 29-34. *Saturday*. Christ's own claim. John 4: 19-26. *Sabbath*. Not ashamed. 2 Tim. 1: 1-12. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. After his discourse at Capernaum on "The Bread of Life," many of his followers forsook Jesus. They were disappointed in him. He would not come up to their expectations of an earthly prince, and his doctrine was above their spiritual comprehension. It was the turn of the tide of his popularity. Henceforth he met increasingly bitter opposition. For a time he leaves Galilee and takes a tour to the north, passing through Caes-ar-e'a Phil-ip'pi, where the conversation recorded in our lesson took place. Parallel passages Matt. 16: 13-28; Mark 8: 22-38; 9: 1.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Christ of God. vs. 18-22. II. The Cross of Christ. vs. 23-27.

I. Although Jesus gave them so many proofs that he was their Messiah, the people were slow to accept him. They were quite willing to acknowledge that he was a great prophet, but not that he was the Son of God. <sup>1</sup> Jesus knew this, but he wished his disciples to be ready to confess him, so he asked them "Whom say ye that I am?" At once Peter answered for all the others "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."<sup>2</sup> Jesus was pleased with this clear and decided acknowledgement of his true nature, and pronounced a blessing upon Peter and all who should shew Peter's outspoken faithfulness. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them not to say this openly yet, for before he could be received as the Messiah he would have to suffer and die. Peter did not like to hear him speaking in that way, and ventured to protest against it. <sup>4</sup> But Jesus was very much displeased with him for trying to persuade him not to do what God had sent him into the world to accomplish. The only way in which Jesus could be a Saviour was by enduring all the shame and agony of the cross.

II. So Jesus went on to shew them all that the only way in which they could be his dis-

ciples was by following him in cross-bearing. <sup>5</sup> If we want to be his true disciples we must practice self-denial every day. We must restrain our sinful dispositions, resist the temptations to evil that are continually meeting us, sacrifice our own comfort and convenience for the good of others, and try in everything to do as we think Jesus would. <sup>6</sup> Those who will do anything to get riches, or honor, or pleasure, are making a very foolish bargain for they are selling themselves to purchase what won't be worth anything when they come to die. <sup>7</sup> But those who first give their hearts to Christ and then try to be like him, will be really happy as long as they live and will have a home in heaven forever. If we are ashamed to shew that we love and serve Christ because some one will say unpleasant things about us, or perhaps, try to do us harm, he will be ashamed of us when we come before him at the judgment day. <sup>8</sup> But surely there is no reason why we should be afraid to confess him now.

Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend  
On whom my hopes of heaven depend;  
No! when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I so feebly love his name.

<sup>1</sup> John 1: 5, 10, 11. <sup>2</sup> Luke 2: 26, 30-32; John 1: 49; 11: 27; 6: 9; Acts 8: 37; Heb. 1: 2-5. <sup>3</sup> Matt. 16: 16-19. <sup>4</sup> Mark 8: 32, 33. <sup>5</sup> Luke 14: 26, 27; Acts 14: 22. <sup>6</sup> Luke 17: 33; John 12: 25; 2 Tim. 2: 11, 12. <sup>7</sup> Matt. 16: 26; Acts 4: 12; 1 Tim. 2: 5, 6. <sup>8</sup> Luke 12: 9; 2 Tim. 1: 8, 12; 2: 12.

LESSONS. 1. No confession of Christ which does not accept him as the Son of God is pleasing. 2. The kingdom of Christ is founded upon his sufferings and death. 3. Self-denial, not self-indulgence, must mark the follower of Jesus. 4. Worldly gain, or pleasure, will not compensate for the loss of the soul. 5. It is a shame to be ashamed of Jesus.

## LESSON X—March 8th, 1896.

### True Love to One's Neighbor. LUKE 10: 25-37.

(Commit to memory verses 26-27).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10: 27.

**PROVE THAT**—We should love one another. 1 John 4: 11.

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

**LESSON HYMNS**—*Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 12, 36, 237, 118.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* True Love to One's Neighbor. Luke 10: 25-37. *Tuesday.* Samaritans despised. John 4: 1-9. *Wednesday.* The law to Israel. Lev. 19: 9-18. *Thursday.* The royal law. James 2: 1-9. *Friday.* Divine compassion. Matt. 5: 38-48. *Saturday.* Overcome with good. Rom. 12: 9-21. *Sabbath.* Love, the chief. 1 Cor. 13. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** The intervening history includes Matt. 18: 15-36; Luke 9: 57-62; John 7: 11; 10: 21, and Luke 10: 1-24. The parable of the Good Samaritan was probably spoken in Perea, the district beyond Jerdan, as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Dedication. (Luke 9: 51). There are no parallel passages, the parable occurs in Luke only.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. A Great Question. vs. 25-29. II. Answered by an Example. vs. 30-37.

I. When Jesus was at Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles one came to him asking him a very important question—"What shall I do, to inherit eternal life?"<sup>1</sup> He thought that if he could do some great thing there would be no doubt about his being saved, but he wanted to know what that great act of obedience, meriting heaven, was. Jesus told him to look in his Bible and see what it said.<sup>2</sup> He seems to have studied the book well for he gave the answer which stands in our Shorter Catechism to the question, "What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?" Can you give it?<sup>3</sup> God asks of us our sincere love and service. If we give our hearts to him we give everything, for it is easy to try to please those whom we love. Then if we love God, really, we will love, and be kind to, everybody. Jesus told the man that his answer was correct and that if he loved God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself, he would be saved at last. "But," the man said "the question that troubles me is, who is my neighbor? There is a great difference of opinion about this<sup>4</sup> and I would like to know what you think?"

II. In reply Jesus tells one of the most beautiful stories that was ever made. A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and, at a lonely place, robbers attacked him and beat him, and took everything, even his clothes, from him, leaving him lying on the road bleeding and unconscious. Bye

and bye a priest came along going up to Jerusalem, and when he saw the poor man lying there, instead of hastening to help him and get him to some place of safety where his wounds might be cared for, he just turned his head away and hurried on, for fear the robbers might be hiding near by and kill him too. Then a levite came a little while after and he did the same thing. Neither of them wanted to be troubled, the poor man might have died for all they cared. But next a Samaritan<sup>5</sup> passed by riding on an ass, and when he saw him he stopped and went up to him where he was lying, and got water and washed the blood off his wounds and rubbed oil over them to soften and heal them, and poured a little wine down his throat to revive him. Then he threw his own cloak around him and set him on the ass while he walked beside helping him to sit on until they came to an inn. There he had the man put to bed and watched by him until next morning. He could not stay longer but gave the innkeeper some money and told him to be kind to the wounded man and he would pay all the cost when he came next time. "Now," Jesus said, "which of these three,—the priest, the levite and the Samaritan—was most neighbor-like?" Of course, that question was easy to answer? Everybody is our neighbor whom we can help in any way. We are to love everybody and do good whenever we have the chance.

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 18: 18; Matt. 19: 16; Mark 10: 17; Acts 16: 30. <sup>2</sup> Gal. 3: 24. <sup>3</sup> Deut. 6: 5; 10: 12; Lev. 19; Rom. 13: 9; Gal. 5: 13, 14; Jas. 2: 8; 1 John 4: 16; Matt. 22: 37-40. <sup>4</sup> Lev. 19: 18; Matt. 5: 43, 44. <sup>5</sup> John 4: 9; 8: 48; Luke 9: 53.

**LESSONS.** 1. Jesus is very patient with inquirers. 2. The Bible is a complete guide to duty. 3. The essence of religion is love. 4. We should love God supremely. 5. We should do a kindness to others whenever possible. 6. Be always "neighborly."

## LESSON XI—March 15th, 1896.

### Teaching about Prayer. LUKE 11: 1-13.

(Commit to memory verses 9 and 10).

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11: 9.

**PROVE THAT—**We should pray at all times. Eph. 6: 18.

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

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 3, 135, 218, 139.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* Teaching about Prayer. Luke 11: 1-13. *Tuesday.* Sincerity in prayer. Matt. 6: 1-15. *Wednesday.* In His name. John 16: 23-33. *Thursday.* Ask in faith. 1 John 5: 9-15. *Friday.* Importunity in prayer. Luke 18: 1-8. *Saturday.* Prayer answered. 2 Kings 20: 2-11. *Sabbath.* Testimony of experience. Psalm 34: 1-10. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** We cannot tell exactly when the words of our lesson were spoken. It was probably just before Christ's final departure from Galilee to Jerusalem when he began to denounce the hypocrisy of the scribes and pharisees. There are no parallel passages.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. A Model Prayer. vs. 1-4. II. An Earnest Petitioner. vs. 5-8. III. A Heavenly Father. vs. 9-11.

I. Jesus loved to pray. Sometimes he would rise very early in the morning so as to have a quiet hour or two before other people were stirring and at other times he would go away by himself and remain all night in prayer.<sup>1</sup> Everyone who loves God delights in prayer. It is a sweet communion with our Heavenly Father. The disciples often saw Jesus praying and wished that they could pray like him, so they asked him to teach them. In reply he gave them a model prayer which we call "The Lord's Prayer." You will find it given more fully in Matthew 6: 9-13. In it Jesus teaches us to come to God with the love and confidence of children, and pray that his name may be revered,<sup>2</sup> his kingdom hastened,<sup>3</sup> and his law obeyed;<sup>4</sup> that his bounty may provide for all our wants;<sup>5</sup> that our sins may be forgiven;<sup>6</sup> and that we may not fall before temptation.<sup>7</sup> We are to acknowledge his right to supreme worship now and forever. Every sentence in the prayer is full of meaning. We ought often to rehearse its very words, and always pray in the spirit which it displays.

II. Jesus not only gave a model prayer but he told the disciples not to be discouraged if God did not answer their prayers at once. To illustrate this he told one of his beautiful stories called a parable. He said that a man was visited one night very late by a friend who wished to borrow three loaves from him in order to make supper for one who had unexpectedly arrived from a journey. The man

and his family had all gone to bed, the lamp was extinguished and the door locked,—it was not pleasant to get up in the dark, light the lamp and search for the loaves at that time, so at first he refused to stir. But the friend at the door wouldn't go away but kept up such a knocking and beseeching that at last to get him to go home and leave him, he did get up and give him what he wanted. Now, Jesus said, if the indolence of a selfish man can be over come by importunity how much more readily will our bountiful Father yield to our earnest pleading.<sup>8</sup> The answer may be long in coming but God is not deaf or heedless to his children's cry.

III. If we only ask God in the right way,<sup>10</sup> he will, without fail, give us what is good for us. If any of you asked your father for food when you were hungry he would not vex you by giving you something that you couldn't eat, or that would do you harm. Far less can we suppose that our Heavenly Father will refuse us the good things we ask of him. There are four things, however, that we must remember when we are praying. (1) We must be really sorry for sin (Ps. 66: 18) and ask God's forgiveness for Christ's sake; (2) we must ask everything in the name of Jesus; (3) we must believe that God is able and willing to give us what we ask, but (4) we must leave it to him to decide whether we ought to have it or not.

<sup>1</sup> Mark 1: 35. <sup>2</sup> Rom. 8: 15. <sup>3</sup> Ps. 111: 9; Deut. 28: 58. <sup>4</sup> Rev. 11: 15; Ps. 2: 8. <sup>5</sup> John 5: 30; 6: 38. <sup>6</sup> Prov. 30: 8, 9; John 6: 27. <sup>7</sup> Matt. 6: 14, 15; 18: 34, 35; Mark 11: 25, 26; Eph. 4: 32; Col. 3: 13; <sup>8</sup> Jas. 1: 13, 14; John 7: 35; Rev. 3: 10; 1 Cor. 10: 13. <sup>9</sup> Matt. 7: 7; Mark 11: 24; John 18: 7; Isa. 1: 6; 1 John 3: 22. <sup>10</sup> John 14: 13; 16: 23; Matt. 21: 22; 26: 39, 42.

**LESSONS.** 1. We learn to pray by praying. 2. We may well arrange our prayers after the model here given. 3. God does not always answer at once, but bids us continue praying. 4. Some answer, and the best answer, every prayer is sure to receive. 5. We may trust the wisdom and love of our heavenly Father.

## LESSON XII—March 22nd, 1896.

### Faithful and Unfaithful Servants. LUKE 12 : 37-48.

(Commit to memory verses 37 and 38).

**GOLDEN TEXT :** "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess ; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5 : 18.

**PROVE THAT**—We should be ready for Christ's coming. Luke 12 : 40.

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

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 71, 70, 169, 176.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* Faithful and Unfaithful Servants. Luke 12 : 35-48. *Tuesday.* Need of Watchfulness. Matt. 24 : 42-51. *Wednesday.* Ready and unready. Matt. 25 : 1-13. *Thursday.* Be Watchful. Rev. 3 : 1-8. *Friday.* Walking wisely. Eph. 5 : 6-21. *Saturday.* True service. Eph. 6 : 1-9. *Sabbath.* Reward of integrity. Isa. 33 : 13-17. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

#### HELPS IN STUDYING.

**INTRODUCTORY.** The exact time when Jesus spoke the discourse in which our lesson occurs is a matter of much dispute, and is of no practical consequence to us in studying the passage. Some place it in the connection in which it stands here, immediately after the feast in the Pharisee's house; others think that it belongs to his last journey through Perea to Jerusalem. There are no parallel passages.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. Faithfulness and its Reward. vs. 37-44. II. Unfaithfulness and its Punishment. vs. 45-48.

Our lesson is part of one of the longer discourses of Jesus and was spoken at a time when the scribes and pharisees had declared themselves his enemies and sought to "catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him" (ch. 11 : 53, 54). It is full of solemn instruction in regard to the nature of true discipleship.

I. The true followers of Jesus are to be like servants who are awaiting their master's return from a wedding. He is sure to come, but they do not know the exact hour so they have their long loose robes tucked up under their girdles and their lanterns, or torches, lighted<sup>1</sup> so that as soon as he comes in sight they may be ready to meet him and wait upon him. A master who has such servants will greatly honor them<sup>2</sup> and will treat them as kindly as they treat him. So Christ is coming again,<sup>3</sup> we do not know just when,<sup>4</sup> but he is certainly coming to each one of us when he calls us to himself at death, so we ought to be ready all the time. He does not want us to be standing idle mean time, but busy about the various duties he gives us from day to day. A burglar does not give any warning, but if anyone knows that he is going to try and break into the house some time during the night, he will watch so as not to be robbed while he is sleeping. So we need not expect that strange<sup>5</sup> wonderful things will precede Christ's coming. If we are not wakeful and watchful he will come when we are spiritually sleeping like the

foolish virgins, and we shall be shut out from his kingdom at last.

II. Christ has appointed some work to each of his servants. We are not to live for our own selfish ends, but to live for Christ, and to do all the good we can in the world. The reason why God gives any talent, or position, or influence is that it may be used for his glory and the good of others.<sup>6</sup> If we keep this in mind he will bless us in our work.<sup>6</sup> It will bring us much joy while we do it, and wider opportunities of doing good will open up before us. Then, when all our work in this world is finished, we will receive the crown of life at his hand. If, on the other hand, we forget our responsibility for our blessings and privileges,<sup>7</sup> if we use them to gratify our ambition, or vanity, or love of pleasure; if we are selfish and tyrannical, covetous and passionate, living for our own pleasures only, and forgetful that Christ is coming to ask how we have used all the blessings he has given us—then he will come when we do not expect him,<sup>8</sup> and our punishment will be exactly what we have deserved. Some whom we regard as very bad indeed will not be really as guilty as we are. They may have had fewer opportunities for learning their duty and less help from the good example of others. Surely if we who have Christian parents and friends, church and Sabbath school, education and comfortable homes, do not try to love and serve our good and gracious Saviour, we will deserve at last to be "beaten with many stripes."<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 25 : 1. <sup>2</sup> Rev. 3 : 21. <sup>3</sup> Pet. 3 : 8, 9. <sup>4</sup> ch. 21 : 34-36; 1 Thess. 5 : 2-6; Rev. 3 : 3; 16 : 15. <sup>5</sup> 1 Cor. 4 : 2. <sup>6</sup> Matt. 25 : 21, 22; Luke 19 : 17, 26; 22 : 29. <sup>7</sup> Rom. 2 : 4; 2 Pet. 3 : 9. <sup>8</sup> Prov. 29 : 1; 1 Thess. 5 : 3; Rev. 3 : 3. <sup>9</sup> Luke 10 : 13-15; Jas. 4 : 17; 2 Pet. 2 : 21; Jonah 4 : 11; 1 Tim. 1 : 13; John 15 : 22; Lev. 5 : 17; Rom. 2 : 14, 15.

**LESSONS.** 1. Watching does not imply inactivity. 2. God's blessings to us should be shared with others. 3. Beware of self-indulgence, it leads to sinful excess. 4. God's punishments are sure and terrible. 5. The love of Christ in the heart is the only sure antidote against "fleshy lusts."

## LESSON XIII—March 29th, 1896.

### REVIEW.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." Luke 12 : 8.

**PROVE THAT**—We should study God's word. Luke 12 : 40.

**SHORTER CATECHISM.** Review Quests. 39-52.

**LESSON HYMNS.** *Children's Hymnal.* Nos. 42, 50, 91, 98.

**DAILY PORTIONS.** *Monday.* The boyhood of Jesus. Luke 2 : 42-52. *Tuesday.* Early ministry of Jesus. Luke 4 : 14-22. *Wednesday.* The power of Jesus. Luke 5 : 17-26. *Thursday.* Jesus the Great Helper. Luke 7 : 1-16. *Friday.* Faith encouraged. Luke 8 : 41-56. *Saturday.* Jesus the Messiah. Luke 9 : 18-27. *Sabbath.* True love to one's neighbor. Luke 10 : 25-37. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

### REVIEW CHART—FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON.	TITLE.	GOLDEN TEXT.	LESSON PLAN.	TEACHINGS.
I. Luke 1 : 5-17	F. O.	Thou shalt go.....	G. P.—B. A.—C. D.	Prepare for Christ's coming.
II. Luke 2 : 40-52	B. J.	Jesus increased.....	J. F.—J. T.—J. N.	Obeys your parents.
III. Luke 3 : 15-22	M. J. B.	Behold the.....	M. P.—M. P.—M. P.	Point others to Christ.
IV. Luke 4 : 14-22	E. M. J.	His word was.....	F. J.—P. J.—P. J.	Go to Church regularly.
V. Luke 5 : 17-20	P. J.	The Son of.....	S. J.—S. F.—S. H.	Jesus is all powerful.
VI. Luke 6 : 41-49	S. M.	Why call ye.....	M. B.—T. F.—R. S.	Conduct shows belief.
VII. Luke 7 : 2-10	G. H.	They glorified.....	S. C.—S. C.	Jesus is loving.
VIII. Luke 8 : 43-55	F. E.	Thy faith hath.....	T. W.—A. F.	Jesus wishes us to trust Him.
IX. Luke 9 : 18-27	J. M.	This is my.....	C. G.—C. C.	Confess Christ openly.
X. Luke 10 : 25-37	T. I. N.	Thou shalt love.....	G. Q.—A. E.	Love one another.
XI. Luke 11 : 1-13	T. P.	Ask, and.....	M. P.—E. P. H. F.	Pray at all times.
XII. Luke 12 : 37-48	F. U. S.	Be not.....	F. R.—U. P.	Be ready for Christ's coming.

### REVIEW QUESTIONS.

**PERSONS.** What aged priest saw an angel? What was his wife's name? What was to be his son's name? In whose reign was he born? With whom did Jesus visit Jerusalem? Who else joined with them? With whom did Jesus tarry at Jerusalem? Whom did John reprove for his wickedness? What was his wife's name? Who was let down through the roof to Jesus? Who accused Jesus of blasphemy? Whose servant did Jesus cure? Who asked him to do it? What young man did Jesus raise from the dead? What young girl? What woman did he cure? Who spoke for the rest of the disciples in confessing Christ to be the Messiah? Who did the people think Jesus to be? Whose questions gave rise to the parable of the Good Samaritan? Who passed by the wounded man?

**PLACES.** Where was Zacharias when the angel announced the birth of John? To what place was Jesus brought when twelve years of age? Where was he found by Mary and Joseph? Where was John baptizing? In what part of the country was the ministry of Jesus chiefly exercised? What city rejected him? When was the Centurion's servant healed? When was the widow's son raised? Where did Jairus live? To what place was the man going who fell among the thieves? Point out on the map the places mentioned in the lesson.

**EVENTS.** What took place in the temple by the altar of incense? What journey did Jesus take at twelve years of age? What caused Mary and Joseph much anxiety on that visit? What happened to John for his fidelity? How did he know that Jesus was the Messiah? What occurred in the synagogue at Nazareth when Jesus returned to that place? What notable instance of perseverance and faith is mentioned in the lessons? On what occasion is Jesus said to have "marvelled"? To whom did Jesus say "weep not"? What incident occurred as Jesus went to the house of Jairus? What led Jesus to say "she is not dead but sleepeth"? On what two occasions in our lessons is Jesus said to have been praying? What led Jesus to speak the parable of the "Good Samaritan"? Why did the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray?

**TEACHINGS.** How did John describe Christ's ministry? What prophecy did Jesus say was fulfilled in him? What warning against fault-finding did Jesus utter? How did he describe those who believed on him and obeyed his teachings? Of whom does he say that he will be ashamed? How does he answer the question "Who is my neighbor"? By what parable does he illustrate impurity in prayer? By what parable does he illustrate watchfulness? What does he say of the punishment of unfaithful servants?



**LESSON I—January 5th, 1896.**  
**The Forerunner of Christ. LUKE 1: 5-17.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Describe the parents of John. (6)

2—What was Zacharias doing when the angel came to him? (4)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON II—January 12th, 1896.**  
**The Boy Jesus. LUKE 2: 40-52.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—How is the child Jesus described? (5)

2—How old was he when he went to his first passover? (3)

(OVER.)

3—What blessing was promised to Zacharias? (4)

4—How is John described by the angel? (5)

5—What would be the effect of his ministry? (6)

Name.....

3—Why did he linger behind at Jerusalem? (5)

4—What answer did he make to his mother's reproach? (5)

5—In what respects is the boy Jesus an example to other boys and girls? (7)

Name.....

**LESSON III—January 19th, 1896.**

**The Ministry of John the Baptist. LUKE 3: 15-22.**

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**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—What question were the people asking about John? (5)

2—How did John compare himself with Christ? (5)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON IV—January 26th, 1896.**

**The early Ministry of Jesus. LUKE 4: 14-22.**

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**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—What made Jesus so famous when he returned to Galilee? (5)

2—What custom of Jesus is noticed in our lesson? (4)

(OVER.)

3—How did he compare his baptism with that of Christ? (5)

4—Why did Herod dislike him? (4)

5—What were seen and heard at Jesus' baptism? (5)

Name.....

3—For what purpose had he been anointed? (5)

4—At what did the people wonder? (4)

5—Why were they displeased with him? (7)

Name.....

**LESSON V—February 2nd, 1896.**  
**The Power of Jesus. LUKE 5: 17-26.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Who was brought to Jesus? (4)

2—How was he placed before him? (5)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON VI—February 9th, 1896.**  
**The Sermon on the Mount. LUKE 6: 41-49,**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Put in your own words the lesson taught in verses 41 and 42. (5)

2—Why is it so important to keep our hearts right? (5)

(OVER.)

3—What did Jesus say to him? (4)

4—How did he prove his right to say this? (5)

5—Why does Jesus call himself “The Son of Man?” (7)

Name.....

3—What is meant by building upon the rock? (5)

4—What is meant by building upon the sand? (5)

5—What are meant by the “flood” and the “storm”?

Name.....

**LESSON VII—February 16th, 1896.**

**The Great Helper. LUKE 7: 2-6.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—What sick person was Jesus asked to come and heal? (4)

2—What messengers were sent to him, and what reason did they urge? (5)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON VIII—February 23rd, 1896.**

**Faith Encouraged. LUKE 8: 43-45.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Who came behind Jesus and touched him? (4)

2—In what respect did that touch differ from the jostling of one of the crowd? (5)

(OVER.)

3.—How did the centurion shew his faith and humility? (3)

4.—What awakened Jesus' compassion at Nain? (4)

5.—Name other instances in the Bible of dead persons raised to life again? (7)

Name.....

3.—What was Jesus' answer to the woman's confession (5)

4.—With what promise did Jesus encourage Jairus? (5)

5.—In what respects does death resemble sleep? (6)

Name.....



**LESSON IX.—March 1st, 1896.**  
**Jesus the Messiah. LUKE 9: 18-27.**

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**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Whom did the people say that Jesus was? (5)

2—Whom did the disciples confess him to be! (5)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON X—March 8th, 1896.**  
**True Love to One's Neighbor. LUKE 10: 25-37.**

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**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—Why did the lawyer ask his second question? (5)

2—Why did the priest and scribe pass by the wounded man? (5)

(OVER.)

3—What must they do who wish truly to follow Jesus? (5)

4—What solemn question regarding profit and loss does Jesus ask? (5)

5—What does he say about those who are ashamed to confess him? (5)

Name.....

3—Why did Jesus select a Samaritan as his example? (5)

4—How many kind acts did the Samaritan perform? (5)

5—Who, then, is your “neighbor”? (5)

Name.....

**LESSON XI—March 15th, 1896.**  
**Teaching About Prayer. LUKE 11 : 1-13.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer? (4)

2—Which one refers to temporal blessings and which to a forgiving spirit? (4)

(OVER.)

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**LESSON XII—March 22nd, 1896.**  
**Faithful and Unfaithful Servants. LUKE 12 : 37-48.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.**

1—What servants are pronounced "blessed?" (4)

2—How are we to watch for Christ? (5)

(OVER.)

3—On what other occasion was it spoken by Christ? (5)

4—What lesson is taught by the parable of the friend at midnight? (6)

5—What precious promise is given in our lesson to those who pray aright? (6)

Name.....

3—What is the reward of fidelity in service? (4)

4—For what purpose has God given us the blessings that we enjoy? (6)

5—Why may we expect a specially severe condemnation if we abuse these gifts? (6)

Name.....

**LESSON XIII—March 29th, 1883.**

**REVIEW.**

- 1—When and to whom was the birth of John the Baptist announced? (4)
- 2—How is he described? (4)
- 3—Why did Jesus tarry behind his parents at Jerusalem? (4)
- 4—How is he described when a boy? (4)
- 5—How did John describe the work of Christ? (4)
- 6—Briefly narrate the circumstances connected with Christ's Baptism? (4)
- 7—How was Jesus received when he returned to Galilee? (4)
- 8—How did he spend the Sabbath at Nazareth? (4)
- 9—What was the effect of his preaching there? (4)
- 10—How did the four friends bring the sick man to Jesus? (4)
- 11—How did Jesus prove his power to forgive sins? (4)
- 12—Why is it so important to keep our hearts right? (4)

- 13—Who are meant by the man who built his house on a rock? (4)
- 14—How did the centurion shew his faith? (4)
- 15—What did people say when they saw the miracle at Nain? (4)
- 16—Why did Jesus ask the woman who touched him to make herself known? (5)
- 17—What did Jesus mean when he said “She is not dead, but sleepeth”? (4)
- 18—Whom did people say that Jesus was? (4)
- 19—What did he say that those who would follow him must do? (4)
- 20—What questions gave occasion for the parable of the good Samaritan? (4)
- 21—How would you answer the question “Who is my neighbor”? (4)
- 22—What led Jesus to give the model prayer? (4)
- 23—What assurance does Christ give that our prayers will be answered? (4)
- 24—What is the reward of faithful service? (4)
- 25—What will be the doom of unfaithful servants? (4)

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