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My Little Boy

The other children grow so tall !
I would not wish it otherwise,
And yet—we mothers lose them all,
They grow to men before our eyes—
My little, little boys !

But he who slipped away in spring,
Six summers on his shining head,
His baby eyes still wondering,
He only, the long years have sped,
Is still my little boy.

Living the Inside Out

A sweet little six-year-old girl the other day looked up suddenly at her mother and said ; "Mother, I think that Jesus was the only one who ever dared to live His inside out !"

The mother was fairly dazed by the little one's thought. Well she might be. It carried one of the profoundest thoughts suggested by lifelong study of that divine Character. But here it was out of the mouth of almost a babe. She had heard His story. She had seen that He was so pure in all His soul that there was nothing there that He needed to conceal from anybody. Was not He the only one in all the history of mankind of whom that could be truly said ?

Who gave to this child that conception of Christ's perfect purity ? What more charming tribute did ever childhood pay to His beautiful divinity ? He dared to live out all that was in Him. No thought or wish or imagination needed to be concealed. No act or word of all that blessed life had to be hidden away from all the world's inspection !

Frankly, freely might He act it out. No prudent circumspection needed !

The child put it well. "He dared to live His inside out." He, and no soul beside, in all the world's history ! How divine—how close to absolute deity is that ! Ah, childhood, how thou canst creep close to the great Inbreather of all deepest truth ! "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings" often comes confusion to the wise ones of this world.

May that little girl ever cherish her thought of Him who could live so openly, and learn to love and grow to be like Him ! She had made a great discovery. She had found a new type of man and was astonished and delighted. Her discovery was of that which has amazed, confounded, and is to save, the world. It is yet hidden from many of the wise and prudent of this world, but is revealed to all simple-hearted, reverent souls. "A little child shall lead them." "Except ye become as a little child." "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Asa S. Fiske

First Lessons in Religion

By Rae Furlands

A carefully taught child should never know a time when he did not love God and have a general desire to please Him. Trust in, obedience to, and worship of, God are the right of every child. These cannot be forced. They must be the natural outcome of voluntary feeling. Show the stars in the heavens, the flowers in the garden, the birds in the nest, the cat with her kittens and any of the multitude of other things surrounding us, and teach from these God's care of all—God

loves them,—“God is love.” If this is repeated often enough, do you suppose it will ever be forgotten? Draw attention to the well filled barns or cellars, the clothes which the child wears, the water for his bath, etc., and teach, “He careth for me,” or any other suitable little verse.

Such training as this comes very early in life when it is necessary for the child to actually see and experience that through which you teach him. Very soon he is ready for pictures. Here again, resources are unlimited. Be careful to provide the right kind of pictures, and not too many at first. A young child sees only single objects and not connections, so the answers to his “Who is this?” “What is he doing?” “Why?” will be enough to tell about them in the beginning. You can add gradually as the child grows and is able to take in more.

Let some of the pictures be of Elijah, Moses, David, Joseph, Timothy, Ruth, Samuel, Daniel, etc. There is no special order. Provide those of which you can best tell the story, or those which the child most particularly needs. For example, if he is afraid of the dark (he should not be, and will not be, in most cases, unless he has been wrongly dealt with), tell him about Jacob's being out all night with only a stone for a pillow. Tell what he saw in his dream and how, when he awoke, he said, “Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.” Then Jacob felt alone no longer.

Or, tell how Samuel jumped out of bed when he was called. Do not mention the child's fear. If the story is rightly told the child will make the application in God's good time.

If the child is selfish, tell what Ruth gave up for Naomi's sake. Always emphasize the virtue opposite to the child's fault.

It is not necessary to tell the whole of any story. Parts that would alarm a timid child may be eliminated for the time being. Be sure to tell the same one over and over again. You may get tired of it, but the child will not.

Above all, and oftenest, tell the story of Jesus,—of His birth, of His life, how He went about doing good. Each cure Jesus wrought, each miracle He performed, each

parable He told is a story and lesson in itself. The cruel details of the cross need not, should not, be told to young children; but we may tell how Jesus so loved us that He was willing to suffer the punishment for the wrong things we do, and is in very deed and truth our Saviour.

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:—

We have heard of the wonderful way in which God brought Joseph and his family to the land of Egypt. Now we are going to hear about the children of Israel after they have lived many, many years in Egypt. Joseph and his brothers are all dead. There is a new king who did not know Joseph. He is afraid that these Hebrews will become too many in the land, and he is cruel to them.

Our stories this Quarter will tell us how God punished the wicked Egyptians for their cruelty, and how kind He was to His own people, leading them out of Egypt and away back to their own land.

We shall hear about the beautiful baby boy Moses in a basket on the big river Nile. We shall see how God took care of him. All through his babyhood and boyhood God was training him to be a great leader for his people.

“Just a baby in a cradle in the water of the Nile,

Then the leader of a nation, like an army rank and file—

This is how God works His wonders, without trumpet or display:

Oh! we know not what is rocking in the cradle of to-day.”

We shall see Moses grown a man—ready for God's work: we shall see the children of Israel on that last sad night in Egypt when the death angel passed over the land and the eldest child in every Egyptian home died. We shall watch Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. We shall see the Red Sea divided so that they walked through on dry land, while their enemies, the Egyptians, following after, were drowned.

Then we imagine we are with the boys and girls in the camp as each morning they go out of the tents and find the ground covered with

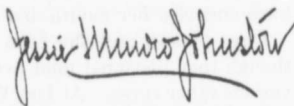
mana, food sent by God, and at evening they catch the quails that came in flocks about the camp, sent also for their food.

We see Moses leaving the people at Mount Sinai while he goes up upon the mountain to talk with God. We hear the wonderful Commandments that God gave Moses for the people. Our hearts will be sad as we hear that God's people had learned bad things from the Egyptians,—so that, while Moses was up on Mount Sinai, they got his brother Aaron to make a golden calf that they might worship it.

All our stories show us what a kind, forgiving, loving God is our God, who sent Jesus to be our Saviour and our Friend.

Let us all love and serve Him.

Your friend,



A Sunday Evening Grace

For all Thy gifts, so great, so good,
 We thank Thee, Lord!
 For home and friends, for clothes and food,
 We thank Thee, Lord!
 For work and play, for this Lord's day,
 For church and Sunday School to-day,
 For Jesus teaching us the way,
 We thank Thee, Lord!
 —Rev. Ernest Bourner Allen, D.D.

Some Bible Sabbaths

By *Mary Isobel Houston*

II. THE FIELDS AND THE SYNAGOGUE

One Sabbath, Jesus and His disciples walked through the fields when the grain was ripe. The disciples were hungry, so they picked some of the ears of grain to eat as they walked along.

Some of the Pharisees heard that Jesus had permitted His followers to do this. Now the Pharisees thought it very wrong to do any sort of work on the Sabbath. They were surprised that Jesus would allow such a thing, and began to argue with Him about it.

Jesus knew that the Pharisees were jealous because the people were beginning to listen to Him instead of to their teaching. He showed them, that it was not wrong to gather grain or to do anything that was for the good of the body, or even to help others on the Sabbath. The Pharisees had no answer to make to this.

But the Pharisees still watched for a chance to find Jesus doing something wrong. The next Sabbath, while Jesus was teaching in the synagogue, one of the men who listened to Him had a hand that was withered and useless. Jesus was not afraid of the Pharisees, so He asked the man to stand up where all could see him. When the man had done this, Jesus turned and asked the Pharisees a question.

"Is it right to do good or to do evil on the Sabbath?" was the question, and not one of them answered.

Then Jesus asked the man to stretch out his hand. The man had not been able to move his hand before, but when he tried he found it strong and well again.

The Pharisees were now more angry than before. They talked among themselves, wondering how they might punish this wonderful healer. They knew He was not afraid of them or willing to keep their strict rules. But they also knew that Jesus was right in all that He said and did, so they could think of no plan to harm Him.

At the close of this second Sabbath Jesus went out by Himself to the mountain. There He stayed all night praying to God to help Him. Back in the city the jealous Pharisees were still planning ways of getting Him out of the way.

Toronto

Golden Flower

By *Mrs. J. Y. Ferguson*

This is a story of a little Formosan girl, whose name was Golden Flower; but I am sure, if you were to see her, you would not think that such a pretty name was at all suited to such a dirty, sad little child.

She wore an ugly little dress, or you would say, suit, for it was just a short coat and long trousers, of dark blue cotton. Under this

coat she had three other coats, all of cotton, and all made the same way. But although she wore four coats, there was but one ply of cotton on her poor little legs, and she had neither boots nor stockings, though the weather was cold. Her feet were not yet bound,—she was scarcely old enough for that.

Her straight black hair, seldom combed and never washed, was braided up in two or three tight little pig-tails tied with red yarn, while a straggling fringe hung around her forehead and into her eyes. For earrings she had little bits of thread from which dangled, on each side, a common white delf button.

Golden Flower was only four years old, but they said she was six, not because they wished to make her older than she really was,—it was just the Chinese way of counting. When she was born, they considered her already one year old, and a few weeks later came New Year's Day, and then she was two years old, because every Chinese has a birthday at New Year.

Now, little Golden Flower lived with a man by the name of Water Dragon. His wife's name was just Woman. They were not Golden Flower's real father and mother. They had bought her for a dollar when she was only two months old. Her own parents did not want her. Water Dragon and Woman bought her to be a wife for their son, Beggar, who was a few years older than Golden Flower. They reckoned that it would be cheaper to buy a baby-girl and rear her, than to wait until Beggar was a young man, when they would have to pay, perhaps, \$200 for a wife for him.

Perhaps you will wonder why they called their only son whom they doted upon, and petted and spoiled, by such a name as Beggar. They were afraid the evil spirits might steal him away, if they guessed how much his parents loved him, so they always called him Beggar to lead the bad spirits to believe that they did not like him, or care much what happened to him.

Water Dragon and Woman, of course, were heathen, and their hearts were hard and cruel, and poor little Golden Flower was very much afraid of them, because, if they were in a bad temper, for very little reason, or for none at all, they would beat her cruelly or use means

to pain and frighten her. Sometimes they would take a short, hollow piece of bamboo, about as large around as a teacup, and stuff it half full of coarse straw paper, which, when set on fire, does not blaze up, but just smoulders and smokes. Then they would hold this tight over her mouth and nose until she was nearly suffocated.

It was this cruel trick that led to our making the acquaintance of Golden Flower. One day, instead of the usual piece of bamboo, they used an old salmon can, which Water Dragon had found on the street that day, and too ignorant to know that, unlike the bamboo stick, the can would grow very hot, they crushed the little face against the burning tin and held it there as long as they liked. When at last they released the child, choked by the smoke and exhausted by the struggle, a deep burn encircled her mouth and nose.

Days passed, and the burn did not heal, though they plastered mud over it and used various other cures. At last Water Dragon, although he hated foreigners, brought her to our hospital and asked the doctor to heal the burn. Water Dragon was neither sorry nor ashamed,—he just said, it was very "odd."

Dear children, I am sorry to tell you this cruel, shocking story; but nearly everything is cruel and shocking in a land where Jesus is not known.

Taipeh, Formosa

Our Work

Our hands are so small,
And our words are so weak,
We cannot teach others;
How, then, shall we seek
To work for our Lord in His harvest?

We'll work by our prayers,
By the pennies we bring,
By small self-denials—
The least little thing
May work for our Lord in His harvest.

Until, by and by,
As the years pass at length,
We, too, may be reapers,
And go forth in strength
To work for our Lord in His harvest.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1913

[Note—If the class is smaller than usual during the holiday season, change the seating arrangements if possible. Children love variety, and if the teacher can sit with the class in a familiar way in a circle, the enjoyment of the session will be enhanced.]

I. SING :

“Jesus, from Thy throne on high,
Far above the bright blue sky,
Look on us with loving eye :
Hear us, holy Jesus.”

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise, v. 1.

II. PRAYER. A few sentences by the teacher, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

III. SINGING. Selections from the Book of Praise, and :

“God, make my life a little light, Within the world to glow ; A little flame that burneth bright Wherever I may go.	God, make my life a little song, That comforteth the sad, That helpeth others to be strong, And makes the singer glad.”
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(Tune 569, Book of Praise)

IV. OFFERING. Sing from Hymn 535, Book of Praise.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For Those Under Six, The Words of Blessing, Matt. 5 : 1-12. For Those Under Eleven, The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20 : 1-17. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VI. REPEAT :

“Lord of the sunlight, Lord of the starlight,
Lord of the seasons, teach me to know
How best to love Thee, how best to serve Thee
'Mid summer's flowers or winter's snow.”

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

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 582, Book of Praise, vs. 1-3. (These are the first three verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN. (See each Lesson.)

XI. RECITE TOGETHER : Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

XII. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS AND DISMISS.

Note : Have plenty of singing this Quarter, and do everything possible to make the hot Sundays as happy as you can for the little ones.

Lesson I.

THE CHILD MOSES SAVED FROM DEATH

July 6, 1913

Exodus 1 : 22 to 2 : 10. Study Exodus 1 : 8-14, 22 to 2 : 10—*Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.—Matthew 18 : 5.



22 And Phar'aoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Ch. 2 : 1 And there went a man of the house of Le'vi, and took to wife a daughter of Le'vi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son : and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein ; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Phar'aoh came down to wash herself at the river ; and her maidens walked along by the river's side ; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child : and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

7 Then said his sister to Phar'aoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the He'brew women, that she may nurse the child for thee ?

8 And Phar'aoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Phar'aoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Phar'aoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Mo'ses : and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob's descendants, or the children of Israel, as they came to be called, lived very happily in the land of Egypt until the time of a king called, Pharaoh like all the kings of Egypt, who had no thought or care for Joseph or his people. This Pharaoh made the children of Israel work very hard and treated them very cruelly, but still they became more numerous. Then Pharaoh thought of a still more cruel plan. He ordered that, whenever a baby boy was born in Israel, he should be thrown into the river.

But one poor mother managed to hide her baby so well that Pharaoh's men did not find him. When, however, the child grew to be three months old, she could hide him at home no longer, so she put him into a

basket woven of grasses and hid it among the tall bulrushes beside the river Nile ; and the baby's sister Miriam stood a little way off to keep watch over him.

Soon the daughter of Pharaoh, with her maidens, came down to the river to bathe, and seeing the basket, sent one of the maidens to fetch it ; and there, when she opened it, lay the beautiful baby boy. The princess knew of the king's cruel order and she did not want the baby killed, so when little Miriam drew near and asked her if she wanted a nurse for the child, she said, "Yes." Then Miriam immediately ran off and brought the baby's own mother. And the princess, not knowing who she was, asked her to keep the baby for her, so the mother

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.

joyfully carried him home again and took care of him. The princess paid the mother wages for taking care of her own baby. Her best reward, however, was to see him safe and being allowed to care for him.

But when he was grown big, the princess sent for him and brought him up as her own son; and she named him Moses.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the new Pharaoh treat the children of Israel?
2. What did he order to be done to the boy babies?
3. What did one mother do?
4. Who was set to watch the baby?
5. Who came down to the river?
6. What happened then?
7. What did the baby's sister suggest?
8. What nurse did she get?
9. What did the princess say to the mother?
10. What did the princess do when he grew up?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Father and Mother were away from home the day the dam burst and the great flood of water swept down on the little farm in the valley. Nelly and Ted outside in the yard saw it coming, and flew towards the house. Baby John was asleep in his cradle at the front door. But they only reached the back steps before the flood swept down on them. They rushed through the hall to the front, but the water was already up to the floor and Baby and cradle had disappeared. How they cried, till Nelly remembered. "God is sure to take care of him," she reminded Ted. And they knew that that was the reason that Father and Mother on their way home found the cradle with baby safely asleep inside, caught by the little bridge farther down the valley.

Lesson Hymn

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

Art Thou my Father? Let me be
A meek, obedient child to Thee;
And try, in word and deed and thought,
To serve and praise Thee as I ought. Amen.

—Hymn 516, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD KEEPS ME SAFE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—34. **What has God done to save us from sin?** God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save us from sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—61. *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?* A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works about worldly employments, or recreations.

The Question on Missions

(Third Quarter, Our Home Mission Work—EAST, NORTH AND WEST.)—1. What kind of immigrants are coming into the Maritime Provinces? They are largely from the continent of Europe,—Italians, Galicians, Belgians, Germans, Poles and Slavs, mostly Roman or Greek Catholics, though a good number are Protestants. The men and the children attending school soon learn English, but few of the women ever learn it.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the picture, and remember that God watches over us as Miriam watched over the baby Moses.



Lesson II.

MOSES PREPARED FOR HIS WORK

July 13, 1913

Exodus 2 : 11-25. Study Exodus 2 : 11-25 ; Acts 7 : 17-29 ; Hebrews 11 : 23-27
—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.—Matthew 5 : 5.



11 And it came to pass in those days, when Mo'ses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens : and he spied an Egypt'ian smiting an He'brew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egypt'ian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the He'brews strove together : and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow ?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us ? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egypt'ian ? And Mo'ses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Phar'ah heard this thing, he sought to slay Mo'ses. But Mo'ses fled from the face of Phar'ah, and dwelt in the land of Mid'ian : and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Mid'ian had seven daughters : and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away : but Mo'ses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reu'el their father, he said, How *is it that ye* come so soon to day ?

19 And they said, An Egypt'ian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he ? why *is it that ye* have left the man ? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Mo'ses was content to dwell with the man : and he gave Mo'ses Zip'porah his daughter.

22 And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name Ger'shom : for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of E'gypt died : and the children of Is'rael sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with A'braham, with I'saac, and with Ja'cob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Is'rael, and God had respect unto *them*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses grew up to be a man, he began to notice how cruelly the poor Israelites were being treated. One day, as he was standing watching them at their hard work, he saw one of the taskmasters beating a poor Israelitish slave. There was no one else near, so Moses struck the taskmaster and killed him, and hid his body in the sand.

The next day Moses was watching his people again, when he saw one Israelite strike another ; but when Moses found fault, the man turned on him angrily, saying, "Who made you a judge over us ? Are you going to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday ?" Moses was filled with fear, for he saw that what he had done was known.

Soon Pharaoh himself heard of it and tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled away to the desert land of Midian, where Pharaoh could

not get him. There one day he sat down to rest by a well. Now in that place the women used to bring their flocks to this well to water them, and it happened that as Moses sat there, the seven daughters of a priest of Midian came with their flocks to the well. As they were filling the troughs with water, some rude shepherds tried to prevent them ; but Moses drove the shepherds away and helped the maidens to water their flock.

When the maidens came home, their father asked them how they had returned so soon, and they told him what had happened. "But where have you left the man ?" asked Jethro, for that was the priest's name. "Call him now, and ask him to take a meal with us." So Moses came in and dined with Jethro. Afterwards he married one of his daughters called Zipporah, and lived very

happily in Midian for many years tending Jethro's flocks. But we may be sure that he never forgot his own people in Egypt. He longed to be able to do something to deliver them from the bitter slavery in which they were held.

During this time the king of Egypt died, but the king who followed him was cruel, also, and made the poor Israelites work so hard that they prayed to God to deliver them from their bondage. And God remembered His promise to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and arranged a plan to deliver His people.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What happened one day as Moses was watching the Israelites working? 2. What took place next day? 3. What did Pharaoh try to do to Moses? 4. Whither did Moses flee? 5. Where did he sit one day to rest? 6. Who came to the well? 7. How did Moses help the maidens? 8. What did their father say when they came home? 9. How did he receive Moses? 10. What employment was given to Moses? 11. Whom did he marry? 12. What was happening to the Israelites? 13. What did they do in their trouble? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A fable tells of a man who once planted a tree. "Lord," he prayed, "it needs rain." And the Lord sent a gentle shower. "Lord," he prayed again, "my tree needs sun," and the sun shone. "Now frost, Lord," and the little tree stood sparkling with frost, but in the evening it died. Then the man went to a friend and told his experience. "I, too, have planted a tree," the other man said, "and see how well it thrives. But I prayed, 'Lord, send my tree what it needs, storm or sunshine. Thou hast made the tree, and Thou knowest best what it needs,' and so my tree is alive and beautiful."

Lesson Hymn

Make me, Lord, obedient, mild,
As becomes a little child;
All day long, in every way,
Teach me what to do and say.

Make me, Lord, in work and play,
Thine more truly every day;
And, when Thou at last shalt come,
Take me to Thy heavenly home. Amen.
—Hymn 578, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—35. How did Jesus Christ, God's Son, come into the world? Jesus Christ came into the world by being born a little child.

SHORTER CATECHISM—62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment? A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath-day.

The Question on Missions

2. What is the church doing for these immigrants? A missionary of our church works in Sydney, Nova Scotia and the nearby towns, where most of the foreigners are, preaching to them, visiting the people at their work and at home, and especially the sick in the hospitals.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a drawing of a man with a heavy load on his back. It is hard work for him



to bear this burden. Sometimes we, too have hard work to do; but Jesus will help us if we ask Him. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE MEEK

Exodus 3 : 1-14. Study Exodus 3 : 1 to 4 : 20—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.—Matthew 5 : 8.



children of Is'rael out of E'gypt.

11 And Mo'ses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Phar'aoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt ?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee ; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee : When thou hast brought forth the people out of E'gypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Mo'ses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Is'rael, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you ; and they shall say to me, What is his name ? what shall I say unto them ?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

1 Now Mo'ses kept the flock of Jeth'ro his father in law, the priest of Mid'ian : and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Hor'eb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush : and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Mo'ses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Mo'ses, Mo'ses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither : put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of A'braham, the God of I'saac, and the God of Ja'cob. And Mo'ses hid his face ; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in E'gypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters ; for I know their sorrows :

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the E'gypt'ians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey ; unto the place of the Ca'naanites, and the Hi'tites, and the Am'orites, and the Peris'ites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'usites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Is'rael is come unto me : and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the E'gypt'ians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phar'aoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now one day, as Moses was taking care of the flocks of Jethro his father-in-law, and had led them through the wilderness to find a better pasture, he came to a mountain called Horeb. There Moses saw a bush on fire, which yet did not seem to be burning away.

Moses turned aside to see this strange sight, and as he drew near, God's voice called to him out of the burning bush, "Moses, Moses." And Moses answered, "Here am I." Then God said, "Take thy shoes off thy feet, for thou art standing on holy ground, for I am here, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid in the presence of God.

Then God said, "I have heard the children of Israel crying to Me in their trouble, and I have come down to take them out of the

hands of the cruel Egyptians and bring them into a good and beautiful land—the land of Canaan—which I promised to their father Abraham. And now, Moses, I am going to send you back to Egypt so that you may tell Pharaoh to let My people go."

But Moses was very humble. He did not think he was either brave enough or strong enough to be the leader of Israel. But God said, "Certainly I will be with thee, and I promise you that when you have brought My people out of Egypt, you shall worship Me here upon this very mountain." "But," said Moses, "perhaps when I come to the children of Israel and tell them that the God of their fathers sent me unto them, they will ask, 'Who is this God of our fathers ?'" "Then," said the Lord, "tell them

that I am the One who has been from the beginning and has power to do all things."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What work did Moses do in the land of Midian? 2. Whither did he one day take his flocks? 3. What did Moses see there? 4. What was strange about this bush on fire? 5. What did Moses hear as he drew nearer? 6. What did God tell him to do first? 7. Why? 8. Why did Moses hide his face? 9. For what did God say He had come? 10. What did God tell Moses he was to do? 11. How did Moses feel about this? 12. What did God promise? 13. What was Moses afraid the Israelites might say? 14. What did God say that Moses was to tell them? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dolly was lame. She lay on her couch, and listened to Mother sending Rob to the store, Tommy down town with a message and Madge to mind baby brother. "Seems as if I wasn't much good for anything, Mother dear," she said as Mother popped her head in at the door.

Mother came over and kissed her. "Dear little sunshine," she said, "you may not be able to run round like the others, but no one else does so much for the family. Who helps Madge with her lessons? Who tells the boys stories to keep them out of mischief? Who amuses baby brother when Mother's busy and all the rest at school? And who is so bright and cheerful and happy, that she makes every one else feel the same?" Dolly's eyes shone. "I'm glad I have my own little work after all, then, Mother dear."

Lesson Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see their God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;
Ours may this blessing be;
O give the pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 219, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—36. How was Jesus Christ different from us? Jesus Christ was altogether without sin. 37. What do you know of the childhood of Jesus? Jesus, when a child, loved and obeyed His parents, and pleased God in all things.

SHORTER CATECHISM—63. Which is the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

The Question on Missions

3. Describe our mission fields in New Ontario. New Ontario includes an immense area, nearly nine-tenths of the whole province. It has 118 mission fields and augmented charges, with about 300 preaching stations, amongst lumbermen, railway builders, miners and farmers. Many thousands of these people are foreign immigrants.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Moses saw in the desert a bush on fire which did not burn up. Out of the bush he heard God's voice. Before he could come



near he had to take off his shoes as a sign of reverence. So we should be very reverent in God's presence. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD HAS WORK FOR ME

Lesson IV.

MOSES' REQUEST REFUSED

July 27, 1913

Exodus 5 : 1-14. Study Exodus 4 : 29 to 6 : 1—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.—Matthew 5 : 4.



1 And afterward Mo'ses and Aa'ron went in, and told Phar'aoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Is'rael, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Phar'aoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Is'rael go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Is'rael go.

3 And they said, The God of the He'brews hath met with us : let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God ; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of E'gypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Mo'ses and Aa'ron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Phar'aoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Phar'aoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore : let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them ; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof : for they be idle ; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein ; and let them not regard vain words.

10 And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Phar'aoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it : will not ought of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout

all the land of E'gypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hastened *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Is'rael, which Phar'aoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses obeyed God's command and returned to the land of Egypt, on the way he met his brother Aaron whom God had sent to be with him, and they went back to Egypt together. The Israelites' hearts were glad when they heard that God was going to deliver them from their enemies, but when Pharaoh heard about it, he was very angry.

Moses and Aaron went in boldly to speak to him. They had a message from the Lord God of Israel, they said. "Let My people go," was the Lord's message, "that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness." But the wicked king answered, "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go."

Then Moses and Aaron reminded Pharaoh that it was God who had spoken to them, and they begged him again to let them go lest if they should not, God might punish them for their disobedience. But Pharaoh

was still more angry when they said this. He asked them why they kept the people from their work to listen to their idle tales, and he ordered them also to go and work.

Now the children of Israel were making bricks out of clay, and to make them stronger, mixed the clay with pieces of straw. This straw had always been carried to them by men from the fields, but now Pharaoh was so bitter against them that he gave a cruel order. He said that his men were to carry no more straw for the Israelites, they must go and gather it for themselves, and yet they must make as many bricks as they had made when it was gathered for them. For they must be idle, Pharaoh said, or they would not want to go to the wilderness to sacrifice to God. So the poor Israelites had to work harder than ever, and because they could not make as many bricks as they had done before, they were beaten by their cruel taskmasters.

Full of distress, they went to Moses and Aaron and told them that they had done them harm, not good, in asking Pharaoh to let them go. Then Moses prayed to God in his trouble, and the Lord answered that Moses would yet see that He could free the children of Israel even from the hands of Pharaoh. He had made them His own chosen people, and in His good time He would lead them out of Egypt to the land which He had promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who met Moses on the way to Egypt?
2. What message did Moses give to Pharaoh?
3. How did Pharaoh receive God's message?
4. What did Pharaoh accuse Moses and Aaron of doing?
5. What work were the Israelites doing?
6. What extra work did Pharaoh order them to do?
7. How were the Israelites treated by their taskmasters?
8. What did the Israelites say to Moses and Aaron?
9. What did Moses do?
10. What comforting answer did the Lord give?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dick groaned despairingly over his books. "Don't see what's the use of Latin or algebra. When would a fellow ever need to use them in business, I'd like to know?" Uncle Ned didn't answer directly. "What did you do in the spring before you began baseball?" he asked. "Trained," said Dick, proudly, "and good and hard too." "Just so," said Uncle Ned. "You did a lot of hard, tire-some exercising to develop a strong body—that is just what such things as Latin and algebra do to the mind." "Develop and make it strong for even bigger things, eh?" said Dick. "I'd better get to work then," and he bent quite eagerly over the once despised Latin.

Lesson Hymn

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

*He loves me too, He loves me too
I know He loves me too;
Because He loves the little things,
I know He loves me too. Amen.*

—Hymn 514, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. **How did Jesus spend his life, when he grew up to be a man?** When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

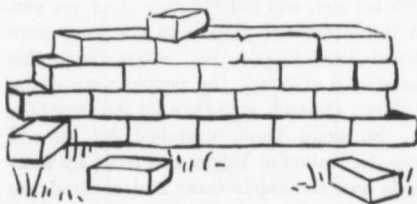
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 61-63.

The Question on Missions

4. How is mission work done in the lumber camps? During the season 1912-13, seventeen of our missionaries visited the camps in their neighborhood, holding services, speaking to the men and distributing literature. Besides, the camps are visited by representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Shantymen's Christian Association and the Reading Camp Association.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How very hard the poor Israelites had to work in building for Pharaoh walls of bricks.



And how very sorry God was for them. So we should be sorry for those who are in trouble and be kind to them. *Copy* the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD TAKES MY PART

Psalm 105 : 23-36—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled ; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.—Matthew 23 : 12.



36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

23 Is'rael also came into E'gypt ; and Ja'cob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly ; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

26 He sent Mo'ses his servant ; and Aa'ron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark ; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees ; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When, in spite of God's message, Pharaoh would not let the children of Israel go, God sent upon the Egyptians ten dreadful plagues, one after the other, to show them that He was stronger than Pharaoh and was able to make him do whatever He commanded. The first plague happened when God told Aaron to strike the waters of the river with his rod, and immediately the river and all the streams and wells in the land were turned into blood. For seven days this lasted and although the people were dying of thirst, Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go. So again Aaron stretched out his rod over the waters of Egypt and frogs by hundreds and thousands came and covered the land. They went into people's houses, they got into their food, and their beds, even into Pharaoh's palace and his bed. This so troubled the king that at last he called for Moses and Aaron and asked them to pray to God to take the frogs away, and he would let the children of Israel go. So Moses prayed to the Lord and all the frogs that

were in the land died. But when Pharaoh saw that they were gone, he was sorry for his promise and would not let the people go.

A plague of small stinging insects followed this, then a plague of flies, and again Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron to him and begged them to pray to God once more to take away the flies and he would let Israel go and sacrifice to Him in the wilderness. Moses promised to do this, but he warned Pharaoh not to deceive them any more. However, on the morrow when God answered Moses' prayer and took away the flies so that not one was left, Pharaoh did as he had done before and refused to keep his promise.

Then God told Moses to warn Pharaoh of yet another plague that would come upon Egypt. The next day he would send a sickness upon the cattle that would destroy them all except the cattle that belonged to the children of Israel, for God sent none of these plagues upon His own people. Pharaoh would not listen to Moses, however, so next day the Lord sent the sickness and most of

the cattle in Egypt died, except those that belonged to the Israelites. When Pharaoh heard this his heart grew more wicked and he refused again to let the children of Israel go that they might worship their God.

Then God sent other plagues on Egypt,— a plague of boils that covered men, women and children and the beasts that were left ; a plague of thunder and lightning and hail that destroyed men and cattle and all the growing things of the earth ; and a plague of locusts that finished the destruction of every green leaf and blade of grass so that the land that had once been fair and beautiful was now a barren and desolate waste. Then Pharaoh quickly called Moses and Aaron and begged them this once more to take away the plague and he would surely let Israel go as they had asked.

But when the locusts had disappeared Pharaoh again broke his promise as he had done so often before and God again punished him by sending another plague. Moses lifted up his hand at God's command and a great thick darkness fell upon the land for three days and three nights so that no one could move from the place he was in, only in the part of the land where the Israelites lived was there light. Yet still Pharaoh refused to let Israel go.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did God punish Pharaoh for not letting the Israelites go ?
2. What was the first plague ?
3. What was the second plague ?
4. What did Pharaoh do then ?
5. What happened when God removed the frogs ?
6. What were the next two plagues ?
7. What did Pharaoh promise after these ?
8. How did Pharaoh keep his promise ?
9. What plague fell upon the cattle ?
10. What were the three next plagues that followed ?
11. What did the land of Egypt now look like ?
12. What did Pharaoh do now ?
13. What plague was sent when he did not keep this promise ?
14. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

Ah ! give me, Lord, the tender heart
That trembles at the approach of sin ;
A godly fear of sin impart,

Implant, and root it deep within,
That I may dread Thy gracious power,
And never dare offend Thee more.

Amen.

—Hymn 172, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—39. Who did Jesus say that He was ? Jesus said that He was the Son of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—64. What is required in the fifth commandment ? A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

The Question on Missions

5. Amongst whom is mission work in Western Canada carried on ? Amongst English speaking settlers from Eastern Canada, the British Isles and the United States, and foreigners from nearly every country in Europe. These include farmers of the prairie provinces, fruit growers, miners, loggers and fishermen of British Columbia and the rapidly increasing populations of cities and towns.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

When Aaron stretched out his rod God sent plagues to punish the king of Egypt and his people because they would not let



the Israelites go free. So God, although He loves us dearly, punishes us when we sin against Him. *Color* the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE HUMBLE

Lesson VI.

THE PASSOVER

August 10, 1913

Exodus 12 : 21-31. Study Exodus 12 : 1-42—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Matthew 20 : 28.



great cry in E'gypt ; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 And he called for Mo'ses and Aa'ron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Is'rael ; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last God sent upon the Egyptians the most terrible plague of all. He said to Moses one day, "On a certain night I will come into every house in Egypt and kill the firstborn of every family, only none of My people of Israel shall be killed." And God told Moses what they must do to be kept safe.

So Moses went out and gathered all the chief men of Israel together and gave them God's message. "Let the head of each family take a lamb," he said, "without any spot on it, and kill and eat it with his family. And let him take some of the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it over the door and upon the side-posts, to be a sign to the Lord, for He will pass through the land of Egypt to kill the eldest son of every house except those which have the blood on the door. Afterwards, you must keep up this feast once a year, and when you are living in the beautiful land which God has promised to give you, and your children ask the meaning of this strange feast, tell them that it is the

21 Then Mo'ses called for all the elders of Is'rael, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason ; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the E'gyptians ; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service ?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Is'rael in E'gypt, when he smote the E'gyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Is'rael went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Mo'ses and Aa'ron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of E'gypt, from the firstborn of Phar'aoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon ; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Phar'aoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the E'gyptians ; and there was a

Feast of the Passover which you are keeping, so that you may never forget God's goodness in saving you on the night when He passed over the land of Egypt." So the Israelites did as God had commanded.

They killed the young lambs, and roasted and ate them, standing round the table dressed ready for a journey, and they felt safe because they had put the blood of the lamb upon the door.

And at midnight in every house except those with the blood upon them, the first-born died. What a dreadful cry there was then, when the fathers and mothers found that their eldest sons were dead ! Even the king's son died as well as the sons of poor people.

So at last Pharaoh saw that he must let the children of Israel go. He rose up in the middle of the night and quickly calling Moses and Aaron, he said, "Get out of this land at once, and take the Israelites with you and everything that they have." And

all the Egyptians gave them money and beautiful clothes, begging them to go away as fast as possible, for the Egyptians feared they would all be killed. So the children of Israel were at last delivered from the power of the Egyptians, and they could never forget that wonderful night when God, who loved and cared for them, set them free.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What last plague did God tell Moses He would send on the Egyptians? 2. Whom did Moses gather together? 3. What was each family to do? 4. What were they to sprinkle on the doors? 5. What would happen where the blood was not sprinkled? 6. What were the Israelites always to do afterwards? 7. What were they to tell their children? 8. What happened in Egypt that night? 9. What did Pharaoh then do? 10. What did the Egyptians do? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was warm and bright and sunshiny outside. "Every one," said the teacher, "who has a perfect mark for his examples, before three, may go then." Dorry bent over her arithmetic, eagerly. She loved getting perfect marks, and this one meant a whole extra hour's freedom in the open air. "Oh, Dorry, please do explain this to me," begged Marjorie, who sat in the same seat. So Dorry helped the forgetful little girl till she was able to work out her example for herself. Then the teacher asked her to go into one of the other rooms with a message, so that Dorry's examples were only half done when three o'clock came. The teacher came down the aisle marking the perfect ones. She stopped at Dorry's seat. "They're not finished," she said, "but we'll give you a perfect mark, too, for being a helpful little girl."

Lesson Hymn

Just as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! Amen.

—Hymn 151, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—40. How did Jesus show that He was the Son of God? Jesus showed that He was the Son of God by His holy life, His heavenly teaching, and His wonderful works.

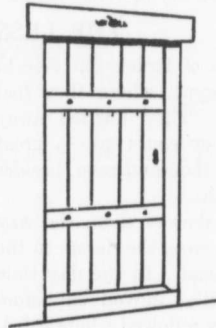
SHORTER CATECHISM—65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment? A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honour and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

The Question on Missions

6. Describe the Loggers' Mission in British Columbia. Our church has two ordained missionaries and one medical missionary working amongst the loggers in the lumber camps along the coast of British Columbia. The Mission was begun in 1901. First a rowboat was used to reach the camps, then a sail boat, and now the Mission has a fine gasoline launch.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God told the Israelites to mark their doorways with the blood of a lamb. They did just what they were told, and they were



saved when the firstborn in every Egyptian home was slain. So, too, we shall be saved if we do just what God tells us. *Copy the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS DIED FOR ME

Exodus 14 : 19-31. Study Exodus 13 : 17 to 14 : 31—Memory Verses, 30, 31.

Golden Text—Before they call, I will answer.—Isaiah 65 : 24.



of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Phar'ah that came into the sea after them ; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Is'rael walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea ; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Is'rael that day out of the hand of the Egyp'tians ; and Is'rael saw the Egyp'tians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Is'rael saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyp'tians : and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Mo'ses.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Is'rael, removed and went behind them ; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them :

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyp'tians and the camp of Is'rael ; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these : so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mo'ses stretched out his hand over the sea ; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Is'rael went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground : and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyp'tians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Phar'ah's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyp'tians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyp'tians.

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily : so that the Egyp'tians said, Let us flee from the face of Is'rael ; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyp'tians.

26 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyp'tians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Mo'ses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared ; and the Egyp'tians fled against it ; and the Lord overthrew the Egyp'tians in the midst

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the children of Israel were free to leave the land of Egypt, where they had been slaves so long. They hurried away from it as fast as they could go,—a great crowd of six hundred thousand men, besides the women and children.

The Lord Himself showed them the way by which they should cross the desert to the beautiful land of Canaan. In the day time a great dark cloud-pillar moved on before the Israelites, and they followed where it led, and at night time it turned into a pillar of fire. And whenever the cloud stopped, the Israelites stopped too, and sat down to rest or eat. But soon after they left Egypt, Pharaoh began to be sorry he had let them go. He called at once for his chariots and his soldiers, and as fast as possible they pursued after Moses and his followers. At last they came up to the Israelites, as they were

encamped beside the sea. When the children of Israel saw the shining chariots far off, they were afraid and cried to Moses, "Why did you take us away to die in the wilderness ? It would have been better to have stayed in Egypt than to die here." But Moses was not afraid. "Wait," he said, "and see how the Lord will save you. You need do nothing but be still."

And as Pharaoh's chariots drew nearer, suddenly the cloud which went before the people turned and went behind, standing between them and the army of the wicked king. And the side that was near Pharaoh became so dark that the soldiers could not see to move, but the side which was turned towards the Israelites was bright as the sun.

So in front of Moses and his followers, stretched the great sea and behind them was the army of their enemies, but God had power

to help them even then. He commanded Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea, and a strong east wind came up and blew back the waters of the sea all night long, so that when the morning came, a dry path was seen reaching straight across to the other side, between two great walls of water. With Moses leading them, the Israelites hurried along this path, while far behind them came Pharaoh's army.

But when the Israelites had reached the other side in safety, the Lord confused Pharaoh's army so that they could not see, and their chariot wheels fell off. Then they began to be afraid of this great God of the Israelites who was fighting against them. But before they could turn to flee, God ordered Moses to stretch out his rod once more, and the waters of the sea rolled back again, covering the cruel king and his army, so that they were all drowned. So the Lord saved His people from their enemies, and they burst into songs of praise and thanksgiving for His great goodness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the Israelites now free to do?
2. How many of them left the land of Egypt?
3. Who showed them the way? 4. How did God do this? 5. To what country were they going? 6. What happened after they left Egypt? 7. Where did Pharaoh and his army come upon the Israelites? 8. What did the Israelites cry then to Moses? 9. With what words did he comfort them? 10. What did God do to protect His people? 11. What did God afterwards command Moses to do? 12. What happened then? 13. What became of the Egyptians when they tried to follow? 14. What is the Golden Text?

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

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—41. What are some of the wonderful works which Jesus did? He stilled the stormy winds, walked upon the water, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and brought the dead to life.

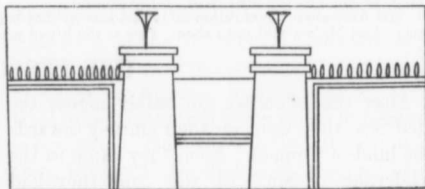
SHORTER CATECHISM—66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment? A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

The Question on Missions

7. What is the work of French Evangelization? To give the pure "evangel," or gospel, to our French fellow Canadians, especially in the Province of Quebec, where they number 1,700,000, or nine-tenths of the population; but also at several points in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and the West.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a drawing of a wall such as the Egyptians built to defend themselves from their desert enemies. But far more wonder-



ful was the wall of water which God made on either side of the Israelites as they marched through the Dead Sea. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD ANSWERS MY PRAYERS

Lesson VIII.

THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

August 24, 1913

Exodus 16 : 2-15. Study Exodus 15 : 27 to 16 : 36—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

Golden Text—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Is'rael murmured against Mo'ses and Aa'ron in the wilderness :

3 And the children of Is'rael said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of E'gypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full ; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

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

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

6 And Mo'ses and Aa'ron said unto all the children of Is'rael, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of E'gypt :

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

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

9 And Mo'ses spake unto Aa'ron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Is'rael, Come near before the Lord : for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aa'ron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Is'rael, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory

of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the Israelites got safely across the Red Sea, they went on their journey towards the land of Canaan. Soon they came to the wilderness of Sin. By this time they had eaten up all the food which they had brought with them from Egypt, and every one began to complain against Moses and Aa'ron. They said, "Why did you bring us out of the land of Egypt, only to die with hunger in this wilderness? When we were in Egypt we had at least plenty of bread and meat to eat."

The Lord told Moses that He had heard the people's complaints, and that they would have meat to eat that very evening, and as much bread as they wanted. Then they would know that God was taking care of them. So Moses and Aaron gave God's message to the Israelites, and said, "When you murmur against us, you are really mur-

muring against God, and He is very much displeased with you." Then the Israelites saw in the wilderness before them the glory of the Lord shining in the cloud which had led them on their way and they knew that He was indeed within their midst.

And God did as He promised, for in the evening great numbers of birds called quails came flying up to the camp so that the people could catch them.

And besides, in the morning, after the dew was dried, there was left on the ground small, white, round particles which looked like frost and tasted like honey cakes. And Moses said, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat." Now the people called this food which God sent down from heaven every morning till they reached Canaan, "manna."

So, all through their wilderness journey, the children of Israel found the manna on the ground every morning. On the sixth day they gathered enough for two days, so that they might have no work to do on the Sabbath.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Towards what land did the Israelites journey?
2. To what wilderness did they come?
3. What did they lack?
4. What did they say to Moses and Aaron?
5. What did God promise to give them?
6. What sight made the Israelites know that God was with them?
7. What happened that evening?
8. What was lying on the ground next morning?
9. What did Moses say this was?
10. What name did the people give to it?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm so hungry," sobbed Letty. Mother looked as if she wanted to cry too. No wonder, with not a cent in the house, and feeling too ill to go out and work. "Perhaps, dear, Mrs. Brown may send me the money she owes me to-night. If she doesn't then you may go over and ask for it, but we must first wait patiently till night." Letty looked disconsolate. Then she brightened a little. "Mother, do you think I could pray to God to send us something to eat? Teacher says He always hears prayers." Mother nodded. "It's the only thing you can do, dear." Letty had hardly finished her prayer when a knock was heard at the door. She sprang to open it, and came back in a minute with a big basket and shining eyes. "The

grocery man sent it, the boy said, 'cause he heard you were sick, but I know it was God that answered my prayer," she cried.

Lesson Hymn

Day by day the manna fell ;
 Oh to learn this lesson well !
 Still by constant mercy fed,
 Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen.
 —Hymn 18, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD GIVES ME MY FOOD

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—42. **What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?** Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

SHORTER CATECHISM—67. *Which is the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill. 68. *What is required in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

The Question on Missions

8. What is the work of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools? To give a good education to the 190 French Canadian boys and 80 girls for whom accommodation is provided in the Schools, 9 miles east of Montreal, much attention being given to religious instruction. Half the pupils last year were from Roman Catholic homes, the rest being children of converts.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Jesus spoke the words to be *copied*. They teach us that, if we trust Him, we shall grow strong to do right, as bread, when it is eaten, makes our bodies strong.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Lesson IX.

ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

August 31, 1913

Exodus 19 : 1-6, 16-21. Study Exodus 19 ; Hebrews 12 : 18-24—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—Let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe.—Hebrews 12 : 28.



1 In the third month, when the children of Is'rael were gone forth out of the land of E'gypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Si'nai.

2 For they were departed from Reph'idim, and were come *to* the desert of Si'nai, and had pitched in the wilderness ; and there Is'rael camped before the mount.

3 And Mo'ses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Ja'cob, and tell the children of Is'rael ;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyp'tians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people : for all the earth *is* mine :

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Is'rael.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, so that all the people that *was* in the camp

and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud ; trembled.

17 And Mo'ses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God ; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Si'nai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire : and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Mo'ses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the Lord came down upon mount Si'nai, on the top of the mount : and the Lord called Mo'ses *up* to the top of the mount ; and Mo'ses went up.

21 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Three months after the children of Israel had left Egypt, they came to a high mountain called Sinai. God called Moses to come up the mountain, and there told him to say to the Israelites, that they had seen how He had punished the Egyptians for their sakes and afterwards brought them safely out of the land. And now, the Lord said if they would obey His commandments, He would do more for them than for any other people. And He commanded Moses to tell them to wash their clothes and make themselves clean and be very careful not to sin, for on the third day He was coming down before them all on Mount Sinai.

On that day, God said, none of them might go up on the mountain, for whoever should go there would surely be put to death. But when they should hear the great sound of a trumpet far up on the mountain, they should come to stand at the foot of it.

So Moses brought the message of the Lord down to the people, and they prepared themselves for His coming. On the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain, and a trumpet sounded so loudly that all the people trembled.

And Moses led the children of Israel out of the camp and up to the foot of the moun-

tain. The smoke went up from it like a great furnace and it shook as if there had been an earthquake and the Lord came down like fire upon it so that the people were filled with fear and wonder. Again the trumpet sounded loud and long, and God's voice came to Moses and called him to come to the top of the mountain. So Moses left the people, and went up alone behind the dark cloud to speak to the Lord.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Before what mountain did the Israelites encamp? 2. Whither did God call Moses to come? 3. What message did God give Moses for His people? 4. What were the Israelites to do? 5. What did God say He would do in three days? 6. What happened on the third day? 7. Whither did Moses lead the people? 8. In what form did the Lord come down on the mountain? 9. What filled the people with fear? 10. What did God call to Moses? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The little church in the valley was finished at last. Every one who belonged to it had had a hand in its building, and with proud and thankful hearts they were going to dedicate it next day to the Lord. The children stood at the back of the church, and looked with interested eyes on the last preparations. "We belong to it, too," said one little girl mournfully, "and we haven't done a thing for it." "Wasn't anything we could do—before—but do you—don't you think—" suggested another hesitatingly—"that it looks—a little bare? Perhaps a few—" "Flowers! We'll make it lovely!" broke in the others eagerly. "Let's!" And they were off. The next day the congregation rubbed their eyes. It was the same little church, but now a wondrous place of beauty and perfume with its hundreds of flowers. "Our share after all," said the children happily, "it was all we could do."

Lesson Hymn

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

Save us, Lord, from sinning,
Watch us day by day;
Help us now to love Thee;
Take our sins away. Amen.

—Hymn 528, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—43. What would have happened to us if Jesus had not died for us? If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 64-68.

The Question on Missions

9 Where and how is mission work carried on amongst the Indians of Manitoba and Saskatchewan? There are missions to the Indians at 15 points in these provinces. By preaching and teaching the Word of God, our missionaries strive to win the Indians to faith in Christ. They are trained to be sober and industrious; the children are educated in mission schools; the young men are taught to be good farmers and the young women to be good housekeepers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The eagle, on its strong wings, bears up its young ones so that they do not fall to



the ground. Now God tells us that, as the eagle its young ones, He carries His people safely through all dangers. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD LISTEN WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Lesson X.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, I.

September 7, 1915

Exodus 20 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 1-11.

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.—Luke 10 : 27.



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

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me ;

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

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses had left the people at the foot of the mountain and gone up behind the dark cloud unto God, the Lord spoke to him there the laws which His people were always to keep if they were to be truly His people. These laws were the Ten Commandments. God began by reminding the people, that it was He who had brought them out of the land of Egypt where they had been slaves, and because He had done this, they were to love Him and obey all His laws.

The First Commandment was, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." The Israelites were not to worship the gods, such as the heathen worshiped, but were to worship and serve only the Lord God of Israel.

It means this to us in our day too, but it means also that we must love God more than anything else—our pleasures or possessions or friends—for if we love any thing or any one

more than God, then that is the idol that we have set up in His place to serve instead of Him.

The Second Commandment was, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." The heathen about Israel carved images out of gold and silver and wood and then fell down and prayed to them as gods. But God's people were not to do this. If they did so, He would punish them and their children after them, but He would show mercy and kindness to all who loved Him and kept His Commandments.

The Third Commandment was, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Every one was to use God's holy name reverently, not carelessly or thoughtlessly, or God would be very angry.

The Fourth Commandment was, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." They were not to use the Sabbath day for their own

work or pleasure ; they were to spend it in worshiping and serving God. "Six days," said the Lord, "are given you to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day belongs to the Lord your God, and you shall not do any work on that day, neither you nor your sons nor your daughters, nor any of your servants or cattle. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did Moses go to talk to God ?
2. What laws did God give Moses on the top of the mountain ?
3. What did God first remind the people ?
4. Which is the First Commandment ?
5. What does it mean ?
6. What were the Israelites forbidden to make ?
7. What would happen if they disobeyed ?
8. How did God say His name was to be used ?
9. How was the Sabbath to be kept ?
10. Who had set the first example in keeping the Sabbath ?
11. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Yansi was a little Chinese girl who learnt for the first time in the Mission School, that it was wrong to pray to idols. "I won't pray to mine any more, then," she said. But instead of throwing the ugly little god, that was her own, away, she stuck it up on a shelf, and there a little friend who went to the same school saw it one day. "Oh," she said disappointedly, "I thought you were Christian now." "So I am," said Yansi. "Why then, is your wooden idol still up there ?" "That's no harm," said Yansi. "But no one would know you were Christian if they saw it," objected the other. "I don't want any one to think that," said Yansi, and she threw the ugly idol out into the street.

Lesson Hymn

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

Teach me all Thy steps to trace,
 Strong to follow in Thy grace ;

Learning how to love from Thee—
 Loving Him who first loved me. Amen.
 —Hymn 575, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—44. What is it to be lost? To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from His presence forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment? A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, and whatsoever tendeth thereunto. **70. Which is the seventh commandment?** A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

The Question on Missions

10. What is being done for the Indians of British Columbia, and at what points? There are boarding schools for Indian children at Ahousaht and Alberni, and a day school at Ucluelet, all on Vancouver Island. In these schools, besides the teaching of ordinary day school subjects, much attention is given to instruction in the Bible. Sabbath services are held for young and old.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The first four Commandments were written on one of the two tables of stone given



to Moses. If we love God, we shall find it, not hard but easy to keep these laws about His worship and day and name. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD

Exodus 20 : 12-21—Memory Verses, 12-17.

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 neighbour as thyself.—Luke 10 : 27.



Mo'ses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The first four Commandments told God's people how they should act towards God. The next six Commandments showed how they should act towards one another. The Fifth Commandment was, "Honour thy father and thy mother." Next to reverencing and obeying God, His people were to reverence and obey father and mother, doing this gladly and willingly. God said that if they obeyed this Commandment, their days would be long in the land.

The Sixth Commandment was, "Thou shalt not kill," which meant also, that they should not even have angry thoughts in their hearts towards any one. And the Seventh Commandment was, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Their thoughts and acts were to be pure.

The Eighth Commandment was, "Thou shalt not steal." No one was to take even the smallest thing that belonged to another. And God directed that if any one did so, whether by mistake or on purpose, he was

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

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking : and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Mo'ses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear : but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Mo'ses said unto the people, Fear not : for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and

to give it back or pay for the thing taken. The Ninth Commandment was, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," which meant not to say anything about another person that was not true.

The Tenth Commandment was, "Thou shalt not covet." They were to be content with what they had and not feel unhappy if other people had things which they had not, for God gives to each of His people just what He knows each ought to have.

Now, all the time that God was giving these rules or laws to Moses for His people, they were down at the foot of the mountain waiting in awe and trembling. For the smoke still hung over the top and the lightning flashed and they could still hear the thunderings and the sound of the trumpet. They heard the sound of God's voice also, although they could not hear the words, so when Moses came down they cried to him in fear, "You tell us the words which God is saying, for if He speaks to us Himself,

we shall die." But Moses told them that God had not come to cause them to die, but to make them fear to sin against Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Towards whom did the first four Commandments tell the people how they should act?
2. To whom did the next six refer?
3. Which is the Fifth Commandment?
4. What promise is made in it?
5. Which Commandment tells people not to kill each other?
6. What does the Seventh Commandment teach about our thoughts, words and acts?
7. What does God say about taking things belonging to other people?
8. Which is the Ninth Commandment?
9. What does it mean?
10. Which is the Tenth Commandment?
11. Why should we be content with what we have?
12. What made the people afraid?
13. What did they ask of Moses?
14. What did he answer?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was just the sort of day that one wanted to spend in the fields gathering berries, or in the woods gathering flowers. "And you've got that great pile of dishes to do," said Isabel. "And then, the parlor and the dining room to dust," said Mary quite cheerfully, "and then the twins and the baby to take out to the orchard for a while to amuse them." "I should think you'd hate to have so much to do," grumbled Isabel, "specially on Saturday when all the other girls are going off somewhere or other." "Yes, but you see I'm doing all this for Mother," Mary explained. "It's the only day I can help her, so that she can get a little rest; and of course if you do things for people you love, as I love Mother, it doesn't seem like work at all. It's the loving that makes all the difference in the world." "Yes, I see now," said Isabel.

Lesson Hymn

We'll bring the little duties
 We have to do each day;
 We'll try our best to please Him,
 At home, at school, at play:
 And better are these treasures
 To offer to our King

Than richest gifts without them,
 Yet these a child may bring. Amen.

—Hymn 535, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—45. How did Jesus die for us? Jesus was nailed on the cross by wicked men.

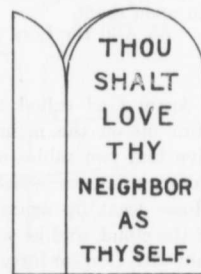
SHORTER CATECHISM—71. What is required in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour. **72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?** A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

The Question on Missions

11. Where are our church's missions to the Jews, and what are the chief hindrances to be overcome? Our church's missions to the Jews are at Toronto, where they number 22,500, and at Winnipeg, where there are over 12,000. The chief difficulties are: the Jews' ignorance of English, their natural hatred to Christ, and the prejudice against Christians because of their persecution in the Christian countries from which they have come.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

On the second of the two tables of stone given to Moses were written the last six Commandments. To keep these Command-



ments we must love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. For then we shall wish to do to them only what is good and right. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE EVERYBODY

THE GOLDEN CALF—TEMPERANCE

LESSON

September 21, 1913

Exodus 32 : 15-20, 30-35. Study Exodus, ch. 32—Memory Verses, 19, 20.

Golden Text—My little children, guard yourselves from idols.— 1 John 5: 21.

15 And Mo'ses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand : the tables *were* written on both their sides ; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Josh'ua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Mo'ses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, *It is not* the voice of *them* that shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them* that cry for being overcome : *but* the noise of *them* that sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing : and Mo'ses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strawed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Is'rael drink *of it*.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Mo'ses said unto the people, Ye have sinned

a great sin : and now I will go up unto the Lord ; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

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

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

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

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

35 And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aa'ron made.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Again God called to Moses to come to Him up on the mountain, that He might give him two tables of stone with the Ten Commandments written upon them. So Moses went up again behind the darkness of the cloud, and he was there on the mountain with God for forty days and forty nights.

Besides the Ten Commandments, God gave Moses many other laws and rules by which His people must live if they would be His true children. He gave him also a command to make for Him a church or tabernacle there in the wilderness, that could be carried with them wherever they went and set up when they set up their tents.

Now all this time the Israelites were in their camp at the foot of the mountain, and they grew impatient when Moses remained away so long. They came to Aaron and said, "We do not know what has become of this man Moses who brought us away from Egypt. Let us make gods for ourselves which shall lead us." So Aaron, who was afraid of their anger, said, to quiet them, "Bring me the golden earrings and ornaments which your wives and daughters are wearing." When they had been brought, Aaron melted them together and made an idol in the shape of a calf. They all cried out that this calf was the god that had

brought them out of Egypt.

Next, Aaron built an altar before the golden calf, and told the Israelites that they should hold a great feast the next day. So, early in the morning, they rose up and offered burnt offerings to the golden calf instead of to the Lord, and feasted and drank before the idol.

While the Israelites were doing these things, Moses was still on the mountain. He could not see them, but the Lord saw them and told him to go down, for His people were behaving very wickedly. So Moses hurried down the mountain, carrying the two tables of stone, and, when he saw all the people singing and dancing in front of the golden calf, he was so a gry that he threw down the tables and they were broken to pieces on the ground. Then he rushed in amongst the people, and, tearing the golden calf from its pedestal, ground it into powder, and, throwing it into water, made the people drink the bitter stuff.

The people were very much afraid for they knew they had done wrong, but Moses afterwards prayed to the Lord, begging Him to forgive this great sin, and, if He could not forgive them, to punish him in their stead. But God said, "No." The people who have sinned must be punished. But Moses prayed so earnestly, that God would forgive them and still go with them on their journey, that the Lord heard his prayer and promised that He would still lead them on to Canaan. Yet, at the same time, God sent a plague upon them for their wickedness, and many of them died there in the wilderness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did God again call Moses to come up the mountain? 2. How long was Moses there? 3. Who became impatient? 4. What did Aaron ask them to do to quiet their anger? 5. What did the people do to the golden calf? 6. What did the people do next day? 7. Who told Moses of what was happening? 8. How did Moses feel? 9. What happened to the tables of stone? 10. What did Moses do to the calf? 11. What did he do next? 12. What was God's answer? 13. What was the result of Moses' pleading further? 14. What punishment was sent on the sinners?

Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 217, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—46. What was done with the body of Jesus after His death on the cross? The body of Jesus was taken by His friends and laid in a tomb, or grave. 47. What happened on the third day after Jesus died and was buried? On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 69-72.

The Question on Missions

12. Describe the chief methods of Jewish mission work. Reading rooms furnished with newspapers and periodicals in Yiddish, Hebrew and English; night schools for the study of English; classes for Bible study; enquiry classes; gospel services, sometimes in the open air; classes and clubs for girls and boys; a free dispensary; tract distribution; personal interviews; and relief of the poor.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How foolish it was of the Israelites to think that a calf made of gold, such as the drawing shows, could hear their prayers!



Should we not be very glad that the Bible teaches us to pray to God and not to any idol? Color the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY

Read Nehemiah 9 : 9-21.

Golden Text—Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9 : 17.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 34-47. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 61-72. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—582, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Moses

In every single Lesson of this Quarter we have learned about Moses. So, in our Review, we shall see how much we can remember about him.

Lesson I. How was Moses in danger when he was a wee baby? What did his mother do to save him? Who afterwards took him for a son?

Lesson II. Why had Moses to flee from Egypt? Whither did he go? Who became his wife? What was his work while he was in Midian?

Lesson III. What wonderful sight did Moses see one day in the desert? Who spoke to him? What did God tell him he was to do? What name did God give to Himself?

Lesson IV. Who was with Moses as his helper? What did the two brothers ask of Pharaoh? What did Pharaoh reply? How were the Israelites treated?

Lesson V. To whom was Moses, with Aaron, again sent? How were Pharaoh and his people punished for their treatment of the Israelites? Name some of the plagues.

Lesson VI. What directions did God tell Moses to give to the Israelites? From what would the blood on their doorways save them? What happened in the Egyptian houses? What did Pharaoh now beg Moses and Aaron to do? What feast did Moses establish?

Lesson VII. To what sea did Moses lead the Israelites? How did he bring them safely across it? Who pursued them into the sea? What did Moses do when the Israelites had crossed the sea? What happened then?

Lesson VIII. Why did the Israelites complain against Moses and Aaron? What did God tell Moses that He would give? What did the people call the "bread" which the Lord gave?

Lesson IX. To what mountain did Moses lead the Israelites? What message did God give to him on this mountain? Why did the people tremble before the mountain?

Lesson X. What laws did Moses receive from God on Mount Sinai? On what were these written? How many Commandments were on the first table?

Lesson XI. How many Commandments were on the second table? Why did the people ask that Moses should speak to them instead of God?

Lesson XII. Where had Moses been for a long time? What did the people persuade Aaron to do? How did Moses feel when he returned? How did he show his anger?

Lesson Hymn

God loved the world of sinners lost
And ruined by the fall;
Salvation full, at highest cost,
He offers free to all.

Believing souls, rejoicing go;
There shall to you be given
A glorious foretaste, here below,
Of endless life in heaven.

Chorus—Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love!

*The love of God to me;
It brought my Saviour from above,
To die on Calvary. Amen.*

—Hymn 129, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That God is kind

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. The Child Moses Saved from Death.

LESSON VII. Crossing the Red Sea.

LESSON II. Moses Prepared for His Work.

LESSON VIII. The Bread from Heaven.

LESSON III. Moses Called to Deliver Israel.

LESSON IX. Israel at Mount Sinai.

LESSON IV. Moses' Request Refused.

LESSON X. The Ten Commandments, I.

LESSON V. The Plagues of Egypt.

LESSON XI. The Ten Commandments, II.

LESSON VI. The Passover.

LESSON XII. The Golden Calf
(Temperance Lesson).

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.]

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