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NEW YEAR'S BELLS — SEE THIRD PAGE

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER, 1901.

LESSON 1.] JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY. [JAN. 6.

Matt. 26. 6-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—She have hath done what she could.—Mark 14. 8.

MEMORY VERSES, 11-13.—For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Just one more week lies before Jesus. Six days from this one on which dear loving Mary pours the costly ointment on her dear Lord's head, that precious head will be crowned with thorns, and the noble body will be nailed to the cruel cross.

Jesus knew all this was to happen, although none of the others really understood when he told them it would be so. They were angry with Mary for what they thought a careless waste. The perfume she poured on Jesus' hair was very costly, and should have been sold, they said, for the poor. But Jesus, knowing the love that led Mary to the deed, gently rebukes them, saying, "She did it unto my burial." "There will always be poor you can help, but me you will not have long with you." He also said that the tender act of this loving woman would be kept in mind through all time, which has been done.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. In whose house was Jesus dining?
In Simon the leper's.
2. Who came to him?
Mary of Bethany.
3. What did she do?
Poured precious perfume over Jesus.

4. What did the disciples do?

They were angry at her wastefulness.

5. What did Jesus do?

He thanked Mary and said she had done well.

6. What wicked disciple was there?

Judas Iscariot.

7. What did he do?

He bargained with the chief priests to betray his Lord.

NEW YEAR'S BELLS.

The happy, happy bells
 The gladsome story tell,
 And ring out here a welcome clear
 This frosty winter's morn
 To the bright youngests-born
 Of Time—the glad New Happy Year!

SHE TRIED TO BE.

"What are you doing, Bess?" asked Mr. Lee of his daughter. "I'm dusting the chairs for mamma," was the reply, given cheerily. "You must be quite a little helper to her." "I try to be," she answered gravely. We hope that there are many more daughters like Bessie, who are trying to be their mothers' helpers.

BESSIE'S TALK TO DOLLY.

Mamma overheard Bessie talking to her doll one day, and this was what she said: "Learn your lesson, Dolly. Don't you see the letter? Now say, 'A is for apple, B is for ball,' like a good girl. You know you must learn your letters, Dolly, or you will not know how to read; and then how foolish you will be! You won't know anything. And then you won't be able to read the Bible; and how will you know what God wants you to do? So be a good girl, Dolly, and study hard. You must be very industrious! that is what my mamma says to me, and you know you are my child."



THE NEW YEAR.

What lovely things the New Year brings,
 When over wood and town,
 Like little doves on milk-white wings,
 The snow comes flocking down.

What forts we build and giants make,
 And friendly battles fight,
 And showers of snowballs give and take,
 Till morning turns to night.

Then while the embers wink and blink,
 And flames are curling gay,
 Down on the hearth we sit and think
 What fun to have next day.

A superintendent, in addressing his Sabbath-school, said: "Were I to inquire of you the way to the next town, you would no doubt be able to tell me; but should I ask of you the way to heaven, what answer would you give me?" He paused, and a very little girl replied: "Jesus Christ, sir, is the way."