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No. 1

How It Grew

A little boy made him a wee snowball,
And rolled it about in the snow ;
And it gathered the crystals and clung to
them all,
And, O, how that snowball did grow !
O, my !
You've made one, of course, so you know.

A little boy whispered a word one day
Unkind of some one he knew,
And each one who heard it repeated his way
The story, till, O, how it grew !
O, my !
And a heartache was caused by it, too !

Two little red mittens the small ball rolled
That grew in such magical way,
And a little red tongue was the one that told
The tale that grew big in a day.
O, my !
Be careful, wee tongues, what you say !
—Pauline F. Camp, in *The Housekeeper*



Helping the Children to Choose Between Right and Wrong

By Mrs. C. M. Hincks, B.A.

"Which hand will you take, left or right ?" you say to Mary as you hold two rosy apples behind your back.

"Which do you want, a red pencil or a blue one ?" you ask Freddy, as you take him to the shop to give him the pleasure of making his own selection. How children love to choose ! How they delight to feel that they are *free* to decide for themselves, instead of having laid down for them hard and fast rules they *must* obey.

This love of freedom is natural and is a sign post to us, showing us the way to train our children in self control, self control which will enable them to resist the impulse of the moment and to stand up bravely and do the right. If we deprive them of *freedom* to choose, they will grow up without the *power* to choose, and when freed from our restraint and guidance, they will be ready to yield to every wind that blows, ready to follow the first man stronger than themselves, whether his leadership be good or bad.

Freedom to choose, then, seems essential, but how are we to help our inexperienced little ones to choose between right and wrong ?

In the first place they must have a *knowledge* of right and wrong. We cannot begin too early to teach them. Baby, when only a year old, has learnt that it is wrong to throw her toys down from her high chair, wrong to untie her shoes or bonnet-strings. On the other hand she is made to feel, by a smile of approval, that she is a good baby when she claps her hands and takes her food nicely. Even with such a young baby we must be consistent in our demonstrations of approval or displeasure. For instance, if she is to realize that it is wrong to throw her toys, we must never laugh when she does it, else she will begin to think it is a good game. Baby's will power develops rapidly, and "I won't," alas, is one of the earliest phrases she learns. Daily and hourly we must teach her the difference between right and wrong. We must remember that our children come into the world quite without knowledge, and that many of the things which we, with our years of experience, know to be wrong, seem quite right in the eyes of the child. We must

get the child's point of view. Thus, we should never punish a child for his first offence, unless we have carefully warned him beforehand that a certain punishment would follow a certain action. Having given such a warning, we must be sure to carry it out, and very likely that particular offence will never be repeated.

Not only must we constantly teach our children the difference between right and wrong, but we must help them to love the right. We must make right-doing so attractive for them, that they can resist the impulse to do wrong. Helen was nine years old and big enough to make her own bed, but she frequently "forgot" and slipped off to play with the younger children. Mother tried a new plan. She had Helen work *with* her so that the two together made all the beds in the house. Helen was doing more work than before, but right-doing was no longer distasteful to her in this instance, because she had the joy of mother's company in doing it.

Bobby refused to play with little brothers, so mother quietly laid aside her work and sat on the floor beside the baby and began to amuse him herself. Bobby no longer took an interest in his own game, he was uncomfortable and hot all over because he knew that mother was busy and that the right thing was for him to play with baby brother. He was no longer happy in his wrong-doing; the right had become more attractive and he slowly came over and played in mother's place. *Example* had shamed him and made him really desire to do right.

Not only example, but *stories* will help a child to choose between right and wrong. How we can make him admire and desire to copy the brave Daniel who faced the lions rather than do wrong, or the boy who gave up his lunch of loaves and fishes to help Jesus and the hungry multitude.

Love is a great force in guiding our children. Encouragement of right-doing on the part of the beloved mother or father is much more important than punishment of wrong-doing in training our children to choose the right. A word of praise, a smile of approval, will make a child so love right-doing that it will

become a habit and he will have neither time nor taste for wrong-doing.

Out of his desire for an outward approval, there will gradually grow in the child a desire for an inward approval, a desire to choose the right because his "conscience," as we call it, demands it. When this spirit is developed in the very heart of the child, we have small cause to fear for him. We may rest assured that he will at least endeavor to do that which appears right to him.

Toronto



The Sugar-Coated Moral

I had been High Official Story-teller to a mob of youngsters a long time before I stumbled on the magical powers of persuasion exerted over children by a cunningly told tale. I was first enlightened by my small nephew, Thomas, whom the Biblical phrase well describes as "having no truth in him."

I had been telling the children the story of the Persian lad, about to cross the desert, whose mother had sewed in his robes fifty pieces of gold. When the party was captured by robbers, he alone disdained to lie about his money and calmly revealed its hiding-place, to the great admiration of the robber captain, who thereupon freed the entire company and gave them back their possessions.

We were all astonished the next day when Thomas told a really straightforward account of some of his doings. Later in the day, when we were alone, I commended him warmly, and he said, wistfully, "Was I really like the Persian boy, Aunt Mary?" Then and there I planned a whole series of truth-telling hero tales for Thomas's especial benefit.

About this time thirteen-year-old Betty suddenly wanted to braid her curly mop (the dear child's one beauty) and clamored for a *black princess gown*. We breathed again when we discovered that a certain favorite heroine of a much-loved book was addicted to shining braids of hair and sable robes. And at last we had found a way to manage contrary Betty. Instead of preaching, entreating and commanding, as of old, we have fed her with biographies of cheery Louisa Alcott, Alice Freeman Palmer and charming Dorothy Wordsworth. Sweet romance can

gild the most humdrum of every-day duties when you are thirteen, and Betty works and dreams away happily.

When the living-room is in a sad clutter at the end of a rainy day, and the children resemble a hoard of warlike Zulus, I rap my thimble smartly on my chair and announce, "Now you're the thousand ants searching for Drumling's treasure," or "Let's see who can be Kwasind, the strong man?" My savages laugh joyously and fly about putting things in order.

We used to say to Dick "Go and wash your hands and face," anywhere from five to fifteen times a day. Then I discovered that gem of Laura E. Richards, "The Pig Brother." You can rarely catch Dick dirty now, he does so hate to have some one growl, "Hullo, Pig Brother!"

I think I must be rather adept in sugar-coating my moral, for the juvenile constituency clamor as loudly as ever for their stories. During the busy day I often catch myself planning out the story for the time when the noisy band from school will invade my little upstairs sitting room, tracking in mud and scattering cooky crumbs with lavish hand.—Mary Davis in *The Congregationalist*



Bobby's Book

Bobby went to church every Sunday with father and mother, and usually sat very quietly in his place between them, but he seldom really understood much of the sermon. But one Sunday they had a strange minister, and he gave a five-minute talk to the children.

"I want to talk with you about a verse in Revelation," he said. "It is so short I think you can all remember it. Listen carefully and see if you cannot commit it to memory: 'And another book was opened which is the book of life.'

"Do you ever think of this book? We are every one of us making one; it is the record of our every-day life. Each morning we start with a fresh page, and at night if we could see it we should find everything we had said or done, and even thought, recorded there. All the cross, impatient words, all the selfish, disobedient acts, as well as all the

loving words and all the helpful things we have done. By and by, when life is over, our verse tells us, this book is going to be judged by it. Think of it, children, when you are tempted to do wrong in any way. How sorry and ashamed we shall be then if God finds so few good deeds recorded and so many naughty ones!"

Bobby began to think pretty hard just then. He was sorry to think how he had struck Billy so hard yesterday because he would not let him be captain all the time when they were playing soldiers. He remembers, too, how cross and impatient he had been when mother wanted him to do an errand for her. Oh, dear—why, he could hardly remember a thing he wanted to have written down in a book like that!

"Say, mother," he asked anxiously on the way home, "did you 'levee what the minister said 'bout that book? God doesn't see everything, does he?"

"Why, yes, dear. He even knows the thoughts we think. Mother wants her little boy to remember about it all the time, and try to have only kind words and good deeds recorded. And what you do each day as a little boy is making you what you will be as a man."

Bobby was unusually quiet and thoughtful for him all that afternoon, but the next morning when he got out playing with the other boys he forgot all about his book and very soon he was trying to have his own way about everything as usual. And, also as usual, Billy opposed him. "You want all the best things, and you think you must be captain every time. You're awfully selfish, Bobby Lee, so now, and I won't stand it. I'm going to be captain half the time, anyway," said Billy, half-crying.

"No, I'm not selfish, you mean, hateful boy," cried Bobby, his little fist all doubled up ready to strike; but just that very instant he remembered yesterday's sermon.

Oh, he did not want it written there that he was fighting Billy, did he? And, yes, he knew he was selfish, and always wanted to boss. Mother often talked very sadly with him about it, but it had never seemed so dreadful to him before.

He dropped his hand like a flash. "I don't

mind ; you be captain if you want," he said, to Billy's amazement.

"I kept three or four scraps out of my book to-day," he confided to his mother at bedtime. "I let Billy have his way and we had lots of fun. 'Twas funny, mother, but when I didn't try to have my way all the time, Billy didn't care half so much 'bout having his way either, and somehow we had lots more fun together."—The Australian Record



Busy and Happy

By Dr. F. O. Gilbert

Ten years ago a little baby girl was born in a foreign home on a farm at Loon Lake. She was bright and attractive and admired by all who saw her. You would not be able to understand what she said, for she spoke a different language to what you do. While still a little girl she took ill, and had to be taken to the hospital for an operation. Her parents moved about quite a bit, and when she was about five years old they settled down on a swampy farm far away in the bush.

Here on warm summer evenings she used to stand and chase away the clouds of mosquitoes and, as she watched them, she thought that all the mosquitoes in the world had come to visit those on her father's farm. They used to bite the cattle, and she was so sorry that she made little fires in the field and covered them with wet grass in order to make a big smoke. She was not afraid of the big oxen, with their long horns, when they came up to the smoke, but loved to pet them.

She and her sister had to cross a big swamp when they went to school three miles away. She soon learned English, and was able to change her own language into it very quickly. When she was seven years old a man drove up to her home and asked her to go with him and tell him what some foreign people were trying to say to him. She went without fear, for she was afraid of nothing. Sometimes when she and her sister were returning from school in the evening they met prairie wolves, but neither these nor the long walks kept them away from school.

After a time her sister went away from home, and then she had to go to school by herself and was very lonely.

One day she wrote a letter to her sister, telling about her troubles, and this letter got into the hands of the lady who had charge of the Presbyterian School Home, about sixteen miles away. This lady wrote to her, telling her that the Home was built for the sake of foreign children who lived a long way from school. They could stay at this Home and go to school in the village. They would have to be good children and work hard before and after school. Lazy children would not be allowed at the Home.

A few days after this letter was posted the little girl arrived at the Home by a waggon drawn by the big oxen. The mother explained that they had started that morning at three o'clock, but the roads were so bad, and the oxen so slow, that it had taken them ten hours to come.

At the Home she found that there was not much time for play, for she had to peel a great many potatoes, and help to wash dishes, and mend her own clothes.

One day the girl who worked at the Doctor's home went away for a holiday, and the little girl went to help till she came back. Before going to bed she had her plans made to get up and have breakfast ready before the others woke up. The Doctor's wife went into her room that night to see that she was covered up, and that her clothes were hung up. Her clothes were nowhere to be seen, and pulling down the quilts she found the little girl fast asleep with all her clothes on. She explained that she was afraid she might sleep too long in the morning, and it would save a lot of time if she did not have to dress when she got up. She said that in lots of the homes, not only the children, but also the parents, would go to bed with all their clothing on, not even taking off their boots.

The little girl is now in Grade Five at school. She has a certificate from the Presbyterian Sunday School Board for learning Bible verses, and sometimes leads at the Mission Band. She is the youngest girl at the Home and still has the potatoes to peel. Asked the other day what work she liked best she said, "Washing dishes and cleaning floors." Many mothers would like to have a little girl like this in their homes.

Presbyterian Hospital, Ethelbert, Man.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1918

(Note : As Easter comes early this year, in the present Quarter, it is advisable to take notice of any bright or spring-like Sunday, to prepare the minds of the children for the thought of the awakening after sleep, of all nature. Lessons VIII. and X. and Hymns such as 509 and 512, Book of Praise, will be found useful in this connection.)

I. OPENING EXERCISE.

Teacher. This is the day which the Lord hath made.

Class. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Teacher. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Class. Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep.

Teacher. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Class. Come before his presence with singing.

II. SINGING. (Tune, Hymn 535, Book of Praise.)

We join to sing thy praises,
Lord of the Sabbath day ;
Each voice in gladness raises
Its loudest, sweetest lay !

Thy richest mercies sharing,
Inspire us with thy love,
By grace our souls preparing
For nobler praise above. Amen.

III. PRAYER.

IV. BIRTHDAY EXERCISE. Let any children who may have had a birthday recently, come to the front. Accept offerings (if any). All recite :

"We wish you now a happy day and many a happy year,
May every one be glad you live, because you bring good cheer."

V. SINGING. (Tune, Hymn 528, Book of Praise. This is suggested for milder days, as an assistance in Easter preparation.)

God sends his bright spring sun
To melt the ice and snow,
To start the green leaf buds
And make the flowers grow.

VI. OFFERING. Sing (Tune, Hymn 571, Book of Praise) :

Hear the pieces dropping,
Listen as they fall,
Every one for Jesus,
He shall have them all.

'Tis our gift to Jesus,
From his little band.

Dropping, dropping ever,
From each little hand,

If we have no money,
We can give him love ;
He will own our offering
Smiling from above.

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. LESSON HYMN.

IX. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE. God's Call to a Boy, 1 Samuel 3 : 1-10. The recitation of the passages given Quarter by Quarter in the Orders of Service, leads to the obtaining of a pretty Certificate in Colors. For Form of Application write to Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

X. SINGING. Memory Hymn, Hymn 26, Book of Praise. (The verses of this Hymn should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them, Sunday by Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. RECITE. Golden Text for the Quarter : "Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

XIII. CLOSING HYMN. Hymn 584, Book of Praise.

Lesson I.

JOHN PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS January 6, 1918

Mark 1 : 1-11. *Scripture Memory Verse, 1 Sam. 3 : 1.

Golden Text—Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1 : 29 (Rev. Ver.).

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11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Many hundred years ago God sent two baby boys into the world. The baby John came to one mother, and not long after, the baby Jesus came to another mother.

The baby John grew to be a wonderful man, because God himself was his teacher, but the baby Jesus grew to be a far more wonderful man, because God was his Father.

When John grew up, God told him about the other baby boy, now grown to be a man, and God commanded John to go through the land of Judea telling people about this wonderful one whose name was Jesus, who was coming to save people from sin.

So John went here and there along the country roads and beside the Jordan River, crying out to everybody he met. "Ho ! the

1 The beginning of the gospel of Je'sus Christ, the Son of God ;

2 For it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judæ'a, and they of Jeru'salem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jor'dan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins ; and he did eat locusts and wild honey ;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water : but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Je'sus came from Naz'areth of Gal'ilee, and was baptized of John in Jor'dan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him :

saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I

great one is coming ! Get ready for him ! Be sorry for your sins and be baptized and forgiven ! Repent ! Repent !" John cried. The old prophets long, long years before this had told God's people that this very thing would happen.

If you had seen John, you would have thought he was a very strange looking preacher indeed. He wore a long, rough coat made of the camel's hair, and a girdle of leather tied around his waist. His feet and head were bare. His food was the honey which the wild bees stored away in the hollow trees, and for meat he ate the locusts which flitted amongst the branches.

"Are you this great one?" some asked. "No indeed," said John. "There is one coming after me who is mightier than I, the

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latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose."

This John was called "John the Baptist" because he baptized with water all who came to him saying they were sorry for their sins. He told them that the great one who was coming would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. John baptized many people in the River Jordan. He led each one into the water and they confessed their sins and John prayed to God to wash away their sins, and this is what John's baptism meant. John said that Jesus would punish and destroy those who remained wicked. Nothing that was evil would be able to stand before him.

At last he came, this very Jesus himself! He left his home at Nazareth and came to the Jordan River where John was baptizing. He asked John to baptize him also. So John baptized Jesus just as he did all others who came to him. As they were coming up out of the water, John saw a wonderful sight. The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit, like a beautiful white dove, came down and rested upon Jesus. Then they heard a voice from heaven saying: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." What a beautiful way for God to introduce Jesus to his people! How happy it must have made Jesus when God spoke these words. Now he was ready to go out and tell people that he was indeed the Son of God. And John was now quite sure that this Jesus was the one whom God had sent.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the names of the two baby boys in our story? 2. Why did John become a wonderful man? 3. Why was Jesus a more wonderful man? 4. What did God tell John to do? 5. Where did John go? 6. What did John cry as he went? 7. How was he dressed? 8. What was his food? 9. What did the people ask John? 10. What was his reply? 11. Why was he called John the Baptist? 12. What did John's baptism mean? 13. What did Jesus ask John to do? 14. When Jesus was baptized, what wonderful sight did John see? 15. What did they hear God's voice saying? 16. What did this make Jesus ready to do? 17. What did it make John sure of? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

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

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

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

The Question on Missions

(FIRST QUARTER, OUR SCHOOL HOMES IN CANADA.)—1. What is a School Home? A place were the children of foreigners living in the West, and children of Protestants living in the Province of Quebec, who have no schools near their own homes, may stay and attend a school in the neighborhood.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows us what John the Baptist must have looked like. He was a strong, brave man, boldly speaking God's



words and faithfully doing God's work. We should ask God to make us also strong and brave to do what he gives us to do.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS TAKES AWAY MY SIN

Lesson II.

JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK

January 13, 1918

Mark 1 : 12-20. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 2, 3.

Golden Text—Repent ye, and believe in the gospel.—Mark 1 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).

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12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Sa'tan ; and was with the wild beasts ; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Je'sus came into Gal'ilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Gal'ilee, he saw Si'mon and An'drew his brother casting a net into the sea : for they were fishers.

17 And Je'sus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them : and they left their father Zeb'edee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

How nice it would be if we could have a lot of stories telling us about Jesus when he was a boy,—how he played and worked and studied. But the Bible does not tell us very much about that part of Jesus' life. We only know that he was a pure and holy child and grew up a pure and holy man.

Satan, you know, is the wicked spirit who causes all the sin that is in the world. He thought he could tempt Jesus to be sinful too. God wanted to show Satan and everybody in the world that Jesus could not be tempted to do wrong, so God planned a way to do this. Not long after Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, God sent him away out into a wild part of the country which was called "the wilderness." There Jesus lived alone for forty days, and angels served him and watched over him. Wild beasts roamed

around amongst the rocks and trees, but they did not harm Jesus.

"Now," thought Satan, "this is my chance to get this holy man Jesus to obey me instead of God." So Satan followed Jesus to the wilderness and tempted him to disobey God, by promising to give him everything in the world if he would only fall down and worship and serve him. Jesus would not listen to Satan at all. He turned his back upon him and said : "Get thee behind me, Satan. I'll have nothing to do with you." And that is just what Jesus wants you boys and girls to say when Satan tempts you to do wrong.

So Jesus was made ready for his work. He overcame Satan, and so became able to help other people to overcome him, too. We know now what a pure, holy Jesus it was who went about teaching people to be good.

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You will all be sorry to hear that John the Baptist was put in prison. He had rebuked the wicked king Herod and his queen and told them that they should stop their wrong-doing, and King Herod ordered that he be put in prison for daring to tell him of his sins.

Soon after this Jesus began to go about preaching and telling the people about God's kingdom and begging people to believe the good news which he was bringing to them. First he went to the country around the beautiful Sea of Galilee. One day he was walking beside the seashore and he saw Simon and Andrew, his brother, in a boat. They were casting their nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them: "Come with me and I will make you fishers of men." These men did not stop to ask Jesus what he meant. They just left their nets and followed him.

When Jesus had gone a little farther, he saw two other fishermen in a boat,—James and John, his brother. They were mending their nets. Jesus called to them, also, "Follow me," and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with some hired servants, and they followed Jesus. These four fishermen whom Jesus called were his first disciples or learners. He taught them to be his helpers.

"Repent ye, and believe in the gospel," Jesus cried as he went about through Galilee. This is our Golden Text.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of a child and man was Jesus?
2. Who is the wicked spirit?
3. Whom did he tempt to do wrong?
4. Where did God send Jesus?
5. Who served him and watched over him there?
6. What roamed amongst the rocks and hills?
7. What did Satan promise to give Jesus if he would worship and serve him?
8. What did Jesus say to Satan?
9. How did this help Jesus in his work?
10. What happened to John the Baptist?
11. What did Jesus go about telling the people?
12. Where did he begin his work?
13. Tell the names of the fishermen whom Jesus called to follow him.
14. Why did Jesus ask them to follow him?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus calls us : o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us : by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

—Hymn 242, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—66. Which is the First Commandment? The First Commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." **67.** What is meant by having other gods before God? Worshipping anything but the true God, or loving anything more than God.

The Question on Missions

2. Tell about the starting of the first Home. When Dr. and Mrs. Arthur went to Wakaw, Sask., they opened a school in their home for the Ruthenian and Hungarian children, and took some of the children to live in their own home. By and by, Dr. Arthur, helped by the Women's Home Missionary Society, built another house for school work.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing, and remember how Peter and Andrew and James and John



obeyed Jesus at once when he called them, leaving their nets and their fishing to follow him. So we should do, without delay, whatever Jesus bids us.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HELP JESUS

Lesson III.

JESUS AT WORK

January 20, 1918

Mark 1 : 21-34. Study Mark 1 : 21-45. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 4, 5.

Golden Text—We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day.—John 9 : 4 (Rev. Ver.).



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21 And they went into Caper'naum ; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine : for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit ; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone ; what have we to do with thee, thou Je'sus of Nazareth ? art thou come to destroy us ? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Je'sus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this ? what new doctrine is this ? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Gal'ilee.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Si'mon and An'drew, with James and John.

30 But Si'mon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up ; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils ; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Would you like to hear where those four fishermen went when they left their boats and nets and followed Jesus ? Well, we may be sure they kept very close to Jesus, listening to every word he spoke. He told them he was going to teach them how to teach others, so they could be his helpers. They went into the city of Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee. It was the Jewish Sabbath and Jesus went to the Jews' church,—they called it a synagogue, and he taught the people there. "This is surely a most wonderful man," they

said as they listened, astonished at the things he was telling them. "He preaches as if he had great power." "He does not teach us as our scribes teach us," they said to one another, but they did not yet believe that Jesus was God's Son.

There was a crazy man in the synagogue that day, who shouted out and disturbed the meeting. "Let us alone ; what have we to do with you ? You are Jesus of Nazareth. You are come to destroy us. I know you ; you are the holy one of God," he cried. Jesus

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looked at the poor man and was sorry for him, and he commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. The evil spirit obeyed Jesus, and the man was cured. The people were amazed. They could hardly believe what they saw and heard. "He commands even the evil spirits, and they obey him! What can it mean?" they ask one another. Soon everybody in the land was talking about this wonderful Jesus and the miracles which he did. The news of what he was doing spread quickly from place to place.

As soon as they came out of the synagogue, Jesus went to the home of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. The grandmother in this home was very sick with a fever. They told Jesus about her and he went in to see her. He took her by the hand and lifted her up and at once the fever left her, and she was able to get up and go about and wait upon them. This showed that Jesus had made her perfectly well.

That evening, about sundown, great crowds came to Jesus, bringing those who were sick and those who had evil spirits in them. Our picture shows us Jesus standing at the door. A mother is holding a sick baby in her arms. She is asking Jesus to make it well, and Jesus is bending over the baby and is going to cure it, we are sure. Just behind the mother is a poor, lame man leaning on a crutch, and a blind woman is stretching out her hand to touch Jesus. How glad they were when Jesus made them well again!

It seemed as if the whole city had gathered at Simon's door, and Jesus healed many that were sick, and cast out many evil spirits from those who came to him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus and the four fishermen go after they left their boats and followed him? 2. Into what building did they go when they got to Capernaum? 3. What did Jesus do in the synagogue? 4. What did the people think about Jesus' teaching? 5. What was the matter with the man who was shouting in the synagogue? 6. How did Jesus cure him? 7. Where did Jesus and Simon and Andrew and James and John go when they came out of the synagogue? 8. Who was sick in that home? 9. What did Jesus

do when he heard of her sickness? 10. Why did the crowds come to Jesus that evening? 11. What did Jesus do for the sick ones? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with what joy they went away!
Amen.

—Hymn 366, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—68. Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

The Question on Missions

3. Why was a School Home begun at Teulon in Manitoba? Dr. Hunter, our missionary at Teulon, took some Ruthenian children of the neighborhood into his own home to be taught. After a good many years the Women's Home Missionary Society built a home large enough for 30 boys.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson mentions the names of four disciples of Jesus. Name them, and copy the

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drawing which gives the first letter of their names. Remember that Jesus knows you by name and has some work which you can do for him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD THANK JESUS FOR
KEEPING ME WELL

Mark 2 : 1-12. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 1-5.

Golden Text—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2 : 10.



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saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all ; inso-much that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus went away from Capernaum for a little while because he wanted to go through the country places and villages teaching the people everywhere.

As soon as he came back to the home of his fishermen friends, the word went around : "Jesus is back again at Simon's house !" How glad the people were that they would be able to see him and hear him again. A crowd gathered around the house, and he taught them God's word.

We can imagine how the sick ones and the lame ones and the blind ones who had not been able to get to Jesus before, now begged their friends to carry them to this great physician to be healed. But there was such

1 And again he entered into Capernaum, after *some* days ; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door : and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was : and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Je'sus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies ? who can forgive sins but God only ?

8 And immediately when Je'sus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sic' of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee ; o. to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he

a crowd of people in the house and around the door that it was impossible to get the sick ones in. Watch those four men who are carrying a sick man on a bed, which was just a thin mattress. This poor man had a disease which no one could cure. It was called palsy. It made his hands and head and all his body shake and tremble all the time, so he was quite helpless.

His friends saw that they could not get near the door, but they thought of a plan. They carried him around to the side of the house where a stairway on the outside led up to the flat roof. With great difficulty they climbed the stairway and got the man on the roof. Now what were they going to do ?

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They began to pull up the covering and soon made a hole in the roof. One of them ran away and got some long pieces of rope and they tied one piece on each corner of the bed. Then slowly and carefully, they lowered the bed till the sick man was close beside Jesus, just as we see in our picture.

When Jesus saw what trouble they had taken and what great faith they had in his power to heal the sick man, he was pleased. He said to the sick man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." This made some of the Jewish teachers (who were called scribes) very angry. "How dare he say that he can forgive this man's sins! He is speaking blasphemies. Who can forgive sins but God?" they said in their hearts.

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them if they thought it is easier to say to the sick man: "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Arise, take up your bed, and walk." Then Jesus showed them that he had power to forgive sin. He turned to the sick man and said: "Arise, take up your bed, and go away to your own house," and immediately the man got up and rolled up the mattress on which he had been lying and put it under his arm and walked out of the house away to his own home—strong and well again.

The people were all amazed and glorified God. "We never saw anything so wonderful," they said, and they knew then that the words of our Golden Text are true: "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus go away from Capernaum? 2. What did people do when he came back? 3. Who wanted to be taken to Jesus? 4. Why were their friends not able to take them? 5. Whom did four men bring? 6. What was the palsy? 7. How did they carry him? 8. How did they get him into the house? 9. Why was Jesus pleased with these men? 10. What did he say to the sick man? 11. Who was angry at Jesus? 12. What did the scribes say in their hearts? 13. How did Jesus show his power? 14. What did the man do? 15. What did the people think of this? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, as to Thy dear cross we flee,
And plead to be forgiven,
So let Thy life our pattern be,
And form our souls for heaven. Amen.
—Hymn 285, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—69. What is the danger in using images or pictures in the worship of God? We may come to worship the image or picture instead of God.

The Question on Missions

4. What are the Vegreville (Alberta) Homes like? There are three Boys' Homes, one holding 10 and each of the others 12. The Girls' Home is a new one, large enough for 22 girls. A Christian lady is in charge of each Home, who takes good care of the boys and girls.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy these beautiful words which Jesus spoke to the sick man who was brought to him by four friends, and remember that

Thy sins be forgiven thee

Jesus is just as willing to forgive your sins. Never be afraid to tell Jesus when you have done wrong. He will be sorry, but he is sure to forgive you and help you to do right in the future.

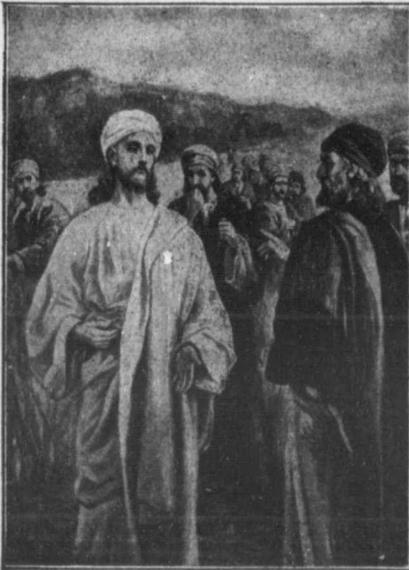
**I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE LOVING**

Lesson V.

JESUS LORD OF THE SABBATH

February 3, 1918

Mark 2 : 23 to 3 : 5. Study Mark 2 : 13 to 3 : 6. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 6, 7.

Golden Text—The Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.—Mark 2 : 28 (Rev. Ver.).

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good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in a far away land, in the long ago time when Jesus lived in the world. Jesus and his fishermen friends and some others were walking along a country road enjoying the sight of the ripe yellow wheat on either side, and the fruit hanging upon the trees.

Wearied with their walk and hungry, the followers of Jesus began to pluck the ears of wheat and eat it, just as you boys and girls would do if you were walking through a wheat field at the harvest time. You know how nice the fresh wheat tastes.

If you look at our picture, you will see that a man has stepped up to Jesus and is shaking his finger at him as if he were angry. Jesus'

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day ; and his disciples began ; as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Phar'isees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful ?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what Da'vid did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him ?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of Abi'athar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him ?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath :

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Ch. 3 : 1 And he entered again into the synagogue ; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day ; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil ? to save life, or to kill ? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out : and his hand was restored whole as the other.

followers are all looking at the man, wondering what he has to say. He is one of those proud Pharisees who made a great fuss about obeying the law, but in their hearts they were proud and bad. This man is saying, "Why do you let your followers do that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day ? They should not be walking through the fields plucking wheat. They are breaking the Sabbath day."

Jesus looks at him and quietly says : "Have you never heard what your great King David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him ? He went into the house of God and ate the temple bread. It was against the law for any one but the

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priests to eat that bread, but David ate it himself and gave it to them that were with him." Jesus told him that the Sabbath was a day that God made for man, that people might be rested and refreshed that day. "The Son of man is lord even of the Sabbath," Jesus said, and this is our Golden Text. Jesus meant that his followers could do whatever he allowed them to do on the Sabbath day.

This, of course, made the Pharisees very angry. When Jesus and his friends got back from their walk through the fields, they went again into the synagogue. There Jesus saw a poor man with a withered hand. His hand was all shrunken up and was quite useless.

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, for they wanted to accuse him of some wrongdoing. Jesus paid no heed to them. He went to the poor man and said to him, "Stand up." Then Jesus turned to the Pharisees and said, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath day, or to do evil? Is it lawful to save life or to kill?" They did not know what to say, so they kept quiet, but they looked very cross and scowled at Jesus and acted as if they would like to kill him.

Jesus was angry at them for their hardness of heart. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Stretch out your hand," and he stretched it out and immediately it was made as well as the other hand.

Jesus wants his followers to be ready to help people whether it be on Sunday or week days.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where were Jesus and his followers walking? 2. What day was it? 3. What were Jesus' followers doing? 4. Who came and spoke to Jesus? 5. What did this Pharisee say? 6. What kind of men were the Pharisees? 7. What did Jesus say King David had done on the Sabbath day? 8. For whom did God make the Sabbath? 9. Who is Lord of the Sabbath? 10. Where did Jesus go when he came back from that walk through the wheat fields? 11. Whom did Jesus see in the synagogue? 12. Who watched Jesus? 13. Why? 14. What did Jesus say to the man? 15. What did Jesus

ask the Pharisees? 16. What did they reply? 17. What did Jesus tell the man to do? 18. What happened then? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honor dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels. Amen.
—Hymn 388, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment? The Third Commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The Question on Missions

5. How are the School Homes at Ethelbert and Sifton (Manitoba) managed? The Women's Missionary Society provides the buildings and furniture, and also pays a dollar a week for the feeding of the children. Each of the Homes is under the care of a lady. The children bring potatoes and other things from their homes.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The time for sowing the grain in the fields will soon be here,—the beautiful springtime. You know how particular the farmer is to see that the soil is in good order before he scatters



the seed. Now the lessons taught us from God's word by father and mother and teacher are like precious seed. The hearts that receive, and treasure up, and obey, these lessons are like good soil. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S DAY

Lesson VI.

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

February 10, 1918

Mark 3 : 7-19a. Study Mark 3 : 7-35. *Scripture Memory Verse, 1 Sam. 3 : 8.

Golden Text—He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.—Mark 3 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).



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7 But Je'sus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea : and a great multitude from Gal'ilee followed him, and from Judæ'a,

8 And from Jeru'salem, and from Idumæ'a, and from beyond Jor'dan ; and they about Tyre and Si'don, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many ; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would : and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils :

16 And Si'mon he surnamed Pe'ter ;

17 And James the son of Zeb'edee, and John the brother of James ; and he surnamed

them Boaner'ges, which is, The sons of thunder :

18 And An'drew, and Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew, and Matth'ew, and Thom'as, and James the son of Alphæ'us, and Thaddæ'us, and Si'mon the Ca'naanite,

19 And Ju'das Iscar'iot, which also betrayed him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Crowds followed Jesus wherever he went, in cities, along country roads, and by the sea-side. He was never alone. Everybody heard about the wonderful miracles which he did, and everybody was eager to see him.

"Have you heard that he cured a man sick of the palsy?" one asked. "Yes, and he cured a man with a withered hand," was the reply.

Everybody was talking about him and some people were saying bad things about him. You heard in our story last Sunday how angry the Pharisees were at him. They said he was disobeying the law about keeping the Sabbath day holy, because he did kind, helpful deeds on the Sabbath day. They would have

killed him if they could, but Jesus quietly slipped away to the seashore of Galilee, with his fishermen friends and others.

A great many people followed him from Capernaum and a great many other people came from all parts of the country. Many of them were sick and lame and blind, and they just wanted to touch him so that their diseases might be healed. Jesus told his disciples to have a small ship waiting for him which would take him away from the crowd. Jesus loved to cure the sick and to heal and help people, but he had other work to do as well. He must get men ready to preach and teach and carry his good news all over that land and over all the world.

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That night Jesus went up into a mountain to pray. He stayed there alone all night, and next day he called those whom he wanted to come to him. Just think how glad each one would be as he heard Jesus call him. What happiness to go about everywhere with Jesus and be his helper and messenger. "He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," our Golden Text tells us. He also gave them power to heal sickness and to cast out evil spirits. You know the names of four of those whom Jesus called. Yes, those four fishermen disciples were the very first whom Jesus called. Simon was the first one called, then James and John and Andrew. Jesus called Simon by a new name, Peter, and that is what we shall call him after this.

Then Jesus called Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and another who was called James and Thaddæus and another Simon and Judas Iscariot, who afterwards betrayed Jesus to his enemies.

For days and days these men were to go about with Jesus, hearing him speak and seeing the beautiful God-like life he lived. Some of them afterwards wrote stories about Jesus, which we love to read in our Bibles.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the crowds follow Jesus ?
2. Who said bad things about him ?
3. What did they say ?
4. What would they have liked to do to Jesus ?
5. Where did Jesus go then ?
6. What did Jesus tell his disciples to have ready for him ?
7. Why could he not spend all his time in healing ?
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9. What did he do next day ?
10. Why did Jesus call those men ?
11. What else did he give them power to do ?
12. Who were the first four whom he called ?
13. What new name did Jesus call Simon ?
14. Name all the apostles whom Jesus chose that day.
15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 575, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LEARN OF JESUS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

The Question on Missions

6. What School Homes are there in Quebec? There are four, each of them having from 10 to 15 boys and girls. These are brought to the Schools by their parents on Monday mornings, and are left under the care of the Home matron until Friday evening. They go to a nearby school or are taught in the Home.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of Jesus preaching, and remember the things he has said to you.



Lesson VII.

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES— February 17, 1918
FOUR KINDS OF GROUND

Mark 4 : 1-8, 14-20. Study Mark 4 : 1-20. *Scripture Memory Verse, 1 Sam. 3 : 9.

Golden Text—Take heed therefore how ye hear.—Luke 8 : 18.

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1 And he began again to teach by the sea side : and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea ; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken ; Behold, there went out a sower to sow :

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth :

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased ; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown ; but when they have heard, Sa'tan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness ;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time : afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns ; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground ; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Boys and girls in the long ago days were just as fond of hearing stories as you are, and grown up men and women too loved to hear stories, for in those days there were no story books such as you have, and no books for the "grownups" either.

Jesus knew that everybody liked stories, so he often told the people stories that would teach them some good lesson which he wanted them to learn. These stories were called parables. We have heard that Jesus was the most wonderful doctor that ever lived, and the most wonderful preacher. He was also the most wonderful teacher that ever lived. His schoolroom was the seashore, and the hill-sides and the country roads and city streets and the homes of the people. Wherever people were, there was Jesus' schoolroom.

One day a great crowd followed him to the seashore. He got into a little boat and asked the man to row him out a bit, so everybody could see and hear him. Then he told them this story.

Once upon a time a sower went out to sow wheat in his field. Our picture shows us what the sower looked like. There was a path through the field. It was hard and dry and nothing could grow in it. The seed that fell there was immediately picked up by the birds. Some seed fell on stony ground where there was not much earth. It soon sprang up, but when the sun was up it was scorched with the heat and withered away. Some seed fell amongst thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, so it did not bear any wheat. But some seed fell upon good ground, and it

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grew and grew till the harvest time. Then the sower gathered the ripe, yellow wheat and put it in his barns.

Then Jesus told them the meaning of the story. The sower sows God's word in people's hearts. Sometimes Satan comes and snatches it away. That is like the birds coming and picking up the seeds from the pathway.

Some people take the word of God into their hearts gladly, but when trouble comes they forget God's word. Their hearts are like the stony ground where the seed did not take root very deeply. Riches and pleasures are the thorns that keep God's word from growing in some other hearts.

But the harvest is not all bad, for God's word grew in the hearts of many people and made their lives beautiful and full of service to the sower, who is none other than Jesus himself.

Those who hear the word of God and obey it and bring forth fruit or good deeds, are like the fields of good ground which bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times as much as the farmer sowed.

He said, "Take heed therefore how ye hear." This is our Golden Text. Ask Jesus to make your hearts good ground where God's word will take deep root.

Questions on the Lesson

1. When were there no story books for children?
2. Who knew that everybody liked stories?
3. Why did Jesus tell the people stories?
4. What were these stories called?
5. Who was the greatest doctor that ever lived?
6. Who was the greatest preacher that ever lived?
7. Who was the greatest teacher that ever lived?
8. Where was Jesus' schoolroom?
9. Where did Jesus go when the crowd followed him to the seashore?
10. What story did Jesus tell them?
11. In what four kinds of soil did the seed fall?
12. What happened to the seed in each of these kinds of soil?
13. What seed does the sower sow, in Jesus' story?
14. Who snatches the seed out of our hearts if he can?
15. What did God's word do for those whose hearts were good ground?
16. Who is the sower?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Is there a thing beneath the sun
That strives with Thee my heart to share?
Ah! tear it thence, and reign alone,
The Lord of every motion there—
Then shall my heart from earth be free,
When it hath found repose in Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 215, Book of Praise

The Catechism

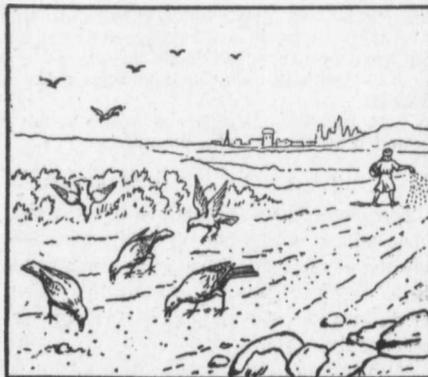
PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." 73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath? The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

The Question on Missions

7. Do the boys and girls help in the work of the Homes? Yes. Both girls and boys help in the work of the house, such as making beds, preparing vegetables, washing dishes and clothes, scrubbing floors. Besides, the girls do sewing, and the boys do outside work.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you color this picture of the birds eating



the seed that fell on the hard road, ask God to give you a tender heart.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO
JESUS' WORDS

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES— February 24, 1918

THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Mark 4 : 21-34. *Scripture Memory Verse, 1 Sam. 3 : 10.

Golden Text—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Isaiah 11 : 9.



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when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth :

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches ; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them : and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Our picture shows us Jesus as he sat in the boat telling stories. See how the men are looking at him, and listening to every word he is saying to them. Jesus told them how God's kingdom is going to grow till it spreads all over the world.

"When you light a candle, do you put it under a cover so its light cannot be seen?" Jesus asks. "No," he says, "that would be foolish. It is meant to spread light all around, so the candle must be set up on a candlestick where everybody can see it and

21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which,*

enjoy its light." Jesus was telling the secrets of God's kingdom to a few, so that they would be able to tell many others, but anybody who had ears to hear and could understand was welcome to hear and know all that Jesus had to tell. They might all become "candles" to spread the light of God's kingdom, if they were able to understand Jesus' teaching.

A man put seed into the ground and then went about his work. He went to sleep at night and got up every day and went to look at his field, till at last, one day, the seed

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sprang up. It was just a tiny green blade at first, then the ears of wheat shot up and soon the full head of wheat appeared. The man could not make the wheat grow. All he could do was to plant the seed, and when the wheat was ripe he took the sickle and cut the wheat, for the harvest time had come. You all know who caused the seed to grow. It was God who sent his sunshine and rain upon the ground.

Jesus wanted them to know that it is God who causes his kingdom to grow in the hearts of people and spread all over the world, so he told them this parable of the seed growing in the ground day by day.

“Do you know what a tiny seed the mustard seed is? It is the very tiniest of all seeds when it is sown in the ground, but it grows and grows till it becomes bigger than all the other plants around it. And it shoots out great branches like a tree, so that the birds come and rest in its branches.” Just think what God can cause to grow from a very tiny seed.

Jesus said that is the way God causes his kingdom to grow and grow from the tiny seed which Jesus was then planting in the hearts of those disciples, till at last everybody in the world would know God’s word and have God’s kingdom in their midst. We can help to bring about this glad time.

All this is coming true, for missionaries are carrying the seed of God’s kingdom, which is God’s Word, the Bible, all over the world. You are helping the missionaries, so you are little “candles” helping to give the light of God’s kingdom everywhere.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus in our lesson story?
2. What was he doing?
3. About what was he teaching the people?
4. Where should a candle be put?
5. Why should it not be hidden?
6. Who may become “candles” to show others God’s kingdom?
7. What did Jesus say about the sower?
8. Who made the seed grow?
9. Who makes the seed of God’s kingdom grow in the world?
10. What is the tiniest of all seeds?
11. How large does it grow?
12. From what does God’s kingdom grow?
13. Where will it spread?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven ;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight :
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.
—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

The Catechism

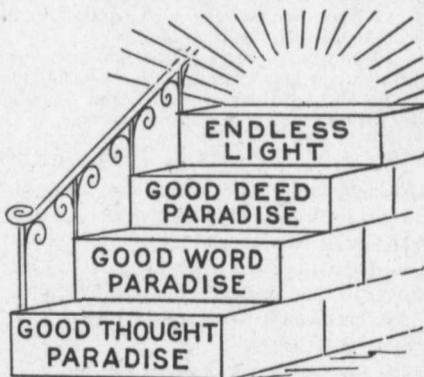
PRIMARY CATECHISM—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord’s day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
75. How should we spend the Lord’s day? We should spend the Lord’s day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

The Question on Missions

8. Are the parents grateful for the care given in the Homes? They show that they are grateful by speaking well of the Homes, giving money and other things to help their work, sending their own boys and girls back for an extra year or so and getting others to come.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a picture of a golden stairway upon which we may go to the better land. It is a



great thing for us to begin to climb the stairway when we are young. Jesus climbed it and he wants us to. *Color* the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT
LITTLE THINGS

Lesson IX.

JESUS BRINGING PEACE

March 3, 1918

Mark 4 : 35-41; 5: 15-20. Study Mark 4: 35 to 5: 20. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3: 6-10.

Golden Text—The Lord hath done great things for us ; whereof we are glad.—Ps. 126: 3.

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35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow : and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish ?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him ?

Ch. 5 : 15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind : and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart

out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decap'olis how great things Je'sus had done for him : and all men did marvel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Evening had come. Jesus had been all day sitting in the boat telling stories and teaching the disciples and all who had come in crowds to the shore to hear him. "Let us go over to the other side of the lake," Jesus said to his disciples. So they sent the people away to their homes.

The sky was very red where the sun had gone down, and piles of dark, angry looking clouds were overhead. "It looks like a storm," one said to another, but the boats all started away from the shore. Soon the wind began to blow very hard. The disciples had put up the sail on their boat and

the wind was driving it along very fast. The storm got worse and worse, and the small boat was dashed about on the waves and nearly filled with water, when the great waves broke over it. The disciples were cold and wet and frightened.

"Where was Jesus?" you ask. He was lying asleep on a pillow in the back part of the ship, for he was weary with his long day of teaching. The disciples did not like to waken him at first, but when the storm got worse, they were afraid the ship would upset and they would all be drowned. "Master, do you not care if we drown?" they cried in terror.

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As soon as they called to him, Jesus arose. Look at our picture. How frightened the men look! Jesus stood up and commanded the wind to cease, and he stretched out his hand over the angry sea, and said, "Peace be still," and the wind ceased and the sea became calm. Soon the little ship was sailing safely along to the place where they were going.

When they reached the shore, Jesus got out of the ship. A man met him who had a bad spirit in him that made him wild and crazy, so that he tore his clothing and tried to destroy everything around him. Everybody was afraid to go near him, but as soon as he saw Jesus, he ran towards him and worshiped him. Jesus commanded the bad spirit to come out of the man. The bad spirit came out and the man became quiet. Jesus had brought peace to his troubled mind. When this news reached the city, crowds came out to see the man. There he sat, clothed and in his right mind.

When Jesus got into the ship again, the man wanted to go with him, but Jesus said, "No, go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and has had pity on you." So the man went home and told everybody he met and they were all astonished at what they heard.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where had Jesus spent the day? 2. What did he say to the disciples when evening came? 3. What became of the crowd of people? 4. What happened on the way across the lake? 5. What did the disciples fear? 6. Where was Jesus? 7. What did the disciples cry to him? 8. What did Jesus

do? 9. What did he say to the angry sea? 10. How did the wind and sea obey him? 11. Where did the little ship go then? 12. Who met Jesus when he got out of the boat? 13. What did Jesus do to help him? 14. What did Jesus tell him to do? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
 Grace to cover all my sin;
 Let the healing streams abound;
 Make and keep me pure within:
 Thou of life the fountain art,
 Freely let me take of Thee;
 Spring Thou up within my heart,
 Rise to all eternity. Amen.

—Hymn 162, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS TAKES CARE OF ME

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—76. Why should we go to a place of worship on the Lord's day? Because God's Word tells us that we should, and because it helps us to be good.

The Question on Missions

9. Do those living in the Homes learn English? Yes. English is taught in all the Homes, and the boys and girls are required to speak it. Both the French children in Quebec and the foreign children in the West learn English very quickly. At Sifton, six little Ruthenian girls learned to speak English quite well in two months.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a picture of the sea to color. The waves are rolling in on the shore and the boats are sailing in the breeze. The sea is great. God made it and rules it.



Lesson X. JESUS RESTORING LIFE AND HEALTH March 10, 1918

Mark 5 : 21-23, 35-43. Study Mark 5 : 21-43. * Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 1-4.

Golden Text—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.—Matthew 8 : 17 (Rev. Ver.).



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them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Tal'itha cu'mi ; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked ; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it ; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The little ship with Jesus and his disciples on board arrived safely at the other shore. There was a great crowd on the shore to meet him. One of the great rich men of the city hurried down to meet Jesus. His name was Jairus. He was a ruler in the synagogue or church of the Jews. His little daughter, who was about twelve years of age, was very sick and was going to die. Jairus had heard that Jesus cured the sick and healed all kinds of diseases. "If I can only get him to come before she dies, he will heal her," Jairus said. He heard that Jesus had just come back, so

21 And when Je'sus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him : and he was nigh unto the sea.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jai'rus by name ; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death : I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed ; and she shall live.

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead : why troublest thou the Master any further ?

36 As soon as Je'sus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Pe'ter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep ? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and

he hurried to the seashore. When he saw Jesus, he kneeled down at his feet and begged him to come to his home. "My little daughter lies at the point of death. I pray thee come and lay thine hands upon her and she shall live," he cried.

While Jairus was speaking, one of his servants came running to him, saying, "Your daughter is dead ; why do you trouble the Master any more ?" As soon as Jesus heard that, he said to the father, who was weeping, "Be not afraid, only believe." Jesus at once started off with Jairus to his house. He took

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Peter and James and John with him to the home where the sick child lay.

When they got near the ruler's house, they heard a great noise of weeping. It was the custom in those days to pay "mourners" to come to the house where there was a dead person. These paid mourners wept and wailed all day long. When Jesus went into the house, he said to them, "Why do you make this ado and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." They only laughed at him. "Not dead! Why, have we not seen her lying dead on the couch in the inner room?" they said, but Jesus put them all out of the house while he went in with the father and mother and his three disciples.

Then he took the father and mother and his disciples, Peter, James and John, and they all went into the room where the young girl was lying. Jesus went to the couch and took her gently by the hand, just as our picture shows us. "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise," he said, and immediately the young girl arose and walked. Just imagine the astonishment and joy of that father and mother when they see their daughter alive again. They could hardly believe that it could be true, but Jesus told them to give her something to eat, and we may be sure that her mother would hurry to do so, while her father held her in his arms. How they would all thank and praise Jesus for his goodness to them in bringing the little girl back to life again!

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who met Jesus when the boat reached the shore?
2. Who was Jairus?
3. Who was sick at his house?
4. How old was the little girl?
5. Why does her father want to speak to Jesus?
6. What did he say?
7. What did a servant run to tell Jairus?
8. What did Jesus say to Jairus?
9. Where did Jesus go then?
10. Who went with him?
11. What great noise did they hear at Jairus' house?
12. What did Jesus say to the mourners?
13. What did he do with them?
14. Who went with Jesus into the room where the damsel was lying?
15. What did Jesus do and say to her?
16. What did she do?
17. What did Jesus tell the parents to give her?
18. How would they all feel?
19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

If I come to Jesus,
He will make me glad;
He will give me pleasure,
When my heart is sad.

*If I come to Jesus,
Happy I shall be,
He is gently calling
Little ones like me. Amen.*

—Hymn 553, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—77. What example did Jesus give us in this matter? It was His custom to go to the place of worship on the Sabbath Day. 78. For what purpose do we go to the house of God? We go to worship God with His people.

The Question on Missions

10. Is the Bible taught in the Homes? A great deal of time is spent in teaching the Bible. The matrons have family worship with the boys and girls. The Sunday School lesson is taught every week, and other parts of the Bible are learned by heart.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

These are strange words to you. They mean "little one rise up," and show the ten-



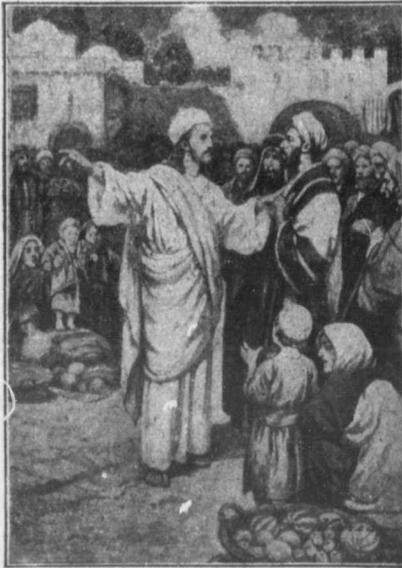
derness and power of Jesus. Remember this, and copy them.

**I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS MAKES THE DEAD LIVE AGAIN**

Lesson XI. JESUS SENDING FORTH THE TWELVE March 17, 1918

Mark 6 : 7-13, 30. Study Mark 6 : 1-31. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 5-7.

Golden Text—Freely ye received, freely give.—Matthew 10 : 8 (Rev. Ver.).



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7 And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two ; and gave them power over unclean spirits ;

8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, save a staff only ; no scrip, no bread, no money in *their* purse :

9 But *be* shod with sandals ; and not put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sod'om and Gomor'ra in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Je'sus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The men in the picture are Jesus' apostles, and he is sending them on an errand. They had been going about with Jesus ever since he called them. They have watched him and listened to him, and have heard and seen all the wonderful things which he said and did. Jesus taught them so that they would be able to teach others, for they must carry the teaching of Jesus to all the world.

One day Jesus called them to him and told them that the time had now come for them to begin to work for him. He told them that they were to go out two and two together, through all the land, to teach and also to heal people, for he had given them power to heal the sick and to cure the lame and blind people, and he also gave them power to cast out bad spirits who tormented people and made them crazy.

When travelers start out on a journey, they usually carry clothing and sometimes food with them, but Jesus told these men they must not carry anything with them on this journey, except a staff or cane, as we would call it. They were not to take any bags with them, nor any food, nor any money in their purse. They must wear sandals on their feet and just take the one coat which they wore. Jesus told them to go to some house in whatever place they came to, and if the people in that house asked them to come in and were kind to them and gave them food to eat, they were to stay with those friends while they were in that place. Jesus said God would surely punish those people who were not kind to his messengers, and would not take them into their homes.

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So these men started out on their errand. Two went this way and two went that way and two went some other way till they were all away. They preached God's word and told the people to repent and turn to Jesus and he would forgive them. They also healed diseases. Many sick people were brought to them and they also cast out many evil spirits.

When they had done all that Jesus had told them to do, they returned to Jesus and told him all about their journey. They told him what they had done and what they had taught, and we may be sure they told him about all the people who had been kind to them and had helped them in any way.

Our Golden Text says: "Freely ye received, freely give." Jesus said these words to his disciples. He meant that they should be glad to tell others the good news which he had told them, and share with others all the good things which his coming had brought to them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were the men to whom Jesus was talking? 2. What were their names? 3. What have they been doing since Jesus called them? 4. Why had Jesus been teaching them? 5. What did Jesus tell them to do now? 6. How many went together? 7. What had Jesus given them power to do? 8. What did he say they must not take with them? 9. What did he allow them to take? 10. Where were they to stay and get food while on their journey? 11. What would God do to those who were unkind to these

messengers? 12. What did the apostles tell people to do? 13. In what other way did they help people? 14. Where did they go after they had finished their errand? 15. What did they tell Jesus? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 In living echoes of Thy tone;
 As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
 Thy erring children lost and lone.
 —Hymn 459, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WANTS ME TO WORK
 FOR HIM

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—79. How do we worship God when we go to His house? We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

The Question on Missions

11. Do those living in the Homes do well at school? Most of these girls and boys love school, and work hard at their lessons. Little children who have to learn English as they go along, keep up with the English-speaking girls and boys. They often take the highest marks in their classes.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each of these letters begins the name of one of the twelve apostles. As you copy the letters, learn the names and try to be a good helper of Jesus, as they were.

P.A.J. J. P.B.T. M.J. T.S.J.

Lesson XII. JESUS MINISTERING TO THE MULTITUDE March 24, 1918

Mark 6 : 32-44. Study Mark 6 : 32-56. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 8-10.

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.



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and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them ; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Je'sus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd : and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed :

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread : for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat ?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye ? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves

THE LESSON RETOLD

Every once in a while Jesus liked to go away with his disciples to some quiet place, where he could be alone to rest and pray to his heavenly Father to make him strong to do the work he came to do in the world.

One day they started to go across the water to one of these quiet places, but the people knew they were going, and what do you think those people did ? They walked as fast as they could around the seashore to the place where Jesus was going, and when he arrived the people were there waiting for him. Many others from all parts of the country joined them, till there was, oh, such a crowd.

When Jesus saw them, he was not angry because they had spoiled his plans. He was very sorry for them. They seemed to him like sheep that had no shepherd, and he longed to be their shepherd and lead them in right ways and take them safely to God's heavenly fold. So he began to teach them. All day long they sat on a hillside listening to Jesus.

When evening came, his disciples went to him saying, "It is getting late ; send these people away, so that they may go to the nearest villages to buy bread to eat, for they have not had anything to eat all day." Jesus said, "You give them something to eat," but

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the disciples thought they could not buy enough bread to satisfy that great crowd of hungry people. There were five thousand men, besides women and children. "It would cost a lot of money. The people in the village might not have enough to sell to them," they said.

Then Jesus told the disciples to look about and see what food they could find amongst them. They did so and all they could find was five barley loaves and two small fishes, which a little boy had in a basket. They came and told Jesus what they had found. Jesus told them to make all the people sit down on the green grass, in rows and companies like soldiers.

When Jesus had taken the loaves and fishes which the little lad was so pleased to give to him, he looked up to heaven and blessed the food, just as our picture shows us. Then he broke the loaves and fishes in pieces and gave them to the disciples to pass around amongst the people. They kept coming back to Jesus for more and more and he always had plenty to give to them. By his wonderful power he was able to make enough to satisfy all those people and more than enough, for Jesus told the disciples to gather up the fragments so that nothing would be wasted, and they gathered up twelve baskets full. How glad Jesus was to be able to feed those tired, hungry people.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus and his disciples go away from the crowd? 2. What did the people do? 3. What did Jesus think when he saw them? 4. What did he do? 5. How long did they listen to him? 6. What did the disciples say when evening came? 7. What did Jesus say? 8. Why could not the disciples do this? 9. How many people were there? 10. What did Jesus tell the disciples to look for? 11. What did they find? 12. Who had brought them? 13. What did Jesus tell the disciples to make the people do? 14. What did Jesus do when the boy gave him the loaves and fishes? 15. What was Jesus able to do by his wonderful power? 16. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do with what was left? 17. How much did they gather up? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Poor and needy though I be,
God Almighty cares for me;
Gives me clothing, shelter, food,
Gives me all I have of good.

He will hear me when I pray;
He is with me night and day,
When I sleep, and when I wake,
For the Lord my Saviour's sake. Amen.

—Hymn 513, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

The Question on Missions

12. How are the Homes kept up? Chiefly by the Women's Missionary Society. Some of the parents bring in produce from their farms; and a few give money. Some of the boys at Vegreville earn money by doing chores for people in the town, and so help to pay their own way.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the picture of the boy with the basket, and think of the boy who gave up his bread



and fish, that Jesus might feed the multitude. We too can give to Jesus and he will make our gifts a blessing to others.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HELP THE WEAK
AND WEARY

Lesson XIII. REVIEW—JESUS OUR EXAMPLE IN SERVICE March 31, 1918

Golden Text—Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Philippians 2 : 5 (Rev. Ver.).

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE** (1 Sam. 3 : 1-10). **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 65-80. **MEMORY HYMN**—Hymn 26, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Read Philippians 2 : 1-11.

Lesson Persons, Things and Places

We have been hearing many beautiful stories about some of the things Jesus did while he was in the world. Let us see what we can remember about the persons or things or places which are mentioned in each lesson.

LESSON I. John the Baptist ; the River Jordan ; Jesus ; God's voice ; the Holy Spirit.

LESSON II. Jesus ; the wilderness ; Satan ; the Sea of Galilee ; fishing boats ; four fishermen, Peter, Andrew, James, John.

LESSON III. A man troubled with an evil spirit ; Jesus ; a woman sick in Simon's house.

LESSON IV. A man sick with palsy ; a bed ; four men ; a hole in the roof ; Jesus.

LESSON V. Jesus ; his disciples ; a field of wheat ; the Sabbath day ; angry Pharisees ; the synagogue ; a man with a withered hand ; Jesus.

LESSON VI. Jesus ; twelve men called to be apostles.

LESSON VII. A sower ; the seed ; four different kinds of ground.

LESSON VIII. God's kingdom ; a seed growing ; a big tree from a tiny seed.

LESSON IX. Jesus ; his disciples ; a storm ; a man who had an evil spirit in him.

LESSON X. Jairus ; a little sick girl ; Jesus ; a servant of Jairus ; mourners in Jairus' house ; a mother ; Peter, James and John.

LESSON XI. Jesus ; twelve men going on a journey two and two.

LESSON XII. Jesus ; five thousand hungry people ; the twelve disciples ; a little boy with a basket ; twelve baskets full of something.

1 Corinthians 15 : 50-58.—EASTER LESSON : An Alternative Lesson

Jesus died on the cross, and was buried in the garden of one of his friends, but he did not stay dead. On the first Easter morning, very early, he rose from the dead and afterwards appeared to his disciples and other friends, but his body was a new body, one which was made fit for going into his heavenly home. It was not a body made of flesh and blood like we have, but a spiritual body that would never die.

Paul, who was a messenger of Jesus, has told us about the new kind of body we shall all have some day when God calls us to go to the heavenly home to live forever with Jesus.

These weak bodies of ours which are so often sick or lame or blind or deaf will be buried in the grave and God will give us each a new body, when we go to live in the heavenly home. That body will never die.

We need not be afraid to die. It is only a change to a more beautiful life. Only those who are sinful need be afraid to die, but Jesus will forgive their sins and take away all their fears if they will let him.

Our Golden Text says : "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul also tells us that we must be faithful to Jesus and fill our lives with work for him. Nothing we do for Jesus shall be useless.

Lesson Hymn

Hark ! it is the Saviour calling,
"Little children, follow Me ;"

Jesus, keep our feet from falling ;
Teach us all to follow Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 584, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should follow Jesus' example

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. John Prepares the Way for Jesus.	LESSON VII. Jesus Teaching by Parables—Four Kinds of Ground.
LESSON II. Jesus Begins His Work.	LESSON VIII. Jesus Teaching by Parables—The Growth of the Kingdom.
LESSON III. Jesus at Work.	LESSON IX. Jesus Bringing Peace.
LESSON IV. Jesus Forgiving Sin.	LESSON X. Jesus Restoring Life and Health.
LESSON V. Jesus Lord of the Sabbath.	LESSON XI. Jesus Sending Forth the Twelve.
LESSON VI. Jesus Chooses the Twelve.	LESSON XII. Jesus Ministering to the Multitude.

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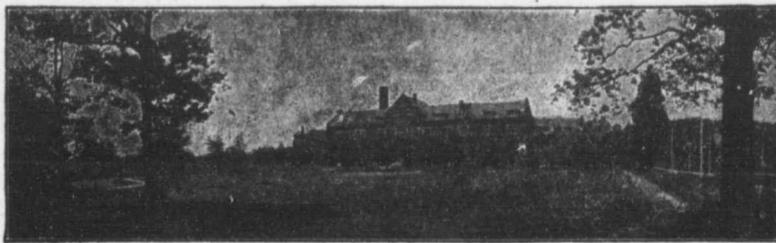
[Many of the little ones will be pleased to mark down their attendance at church and Sabbath School, with the number of verses learned, etc., and so here is a place to do it in. The record will be very interesting by the end of the Quarter. Mothers will help the tinier tots who cannot read or manage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

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