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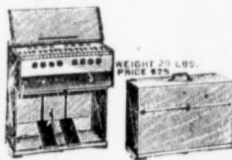
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## MISTRESS RAIN

"Good morning, pretty flowers,"

Said lively Mistress Rain ;

"I come with soft spring showers  
To make you bloom again."

"Good morning, little maiden,"

Said blitheful Mistress Rain ;

"A friend with blessings laden  
You surely won't disdain."

"How are you, buds and trees?"

Said busy Mistress Rain ;

"I will wash you if you please :  
Much beauty you will gain."

"Nice wet morning, oats and wheat,"

Said pattering Mistress Rain ;

"Though your seeds may now lie deep,  
Life and strength you will attain."

"Now my given work is done—

No dark cloud is in the sky ;

I yield my place unto the sun,  
My work to glorify."

## RESULTS OF BIBLE STORY TELLING

*By Nannie Lee Frayser*

We all long to see the results of our labors ; but some of us have long to wait, perhaps till eternity. But how much better it is to wait that long, than to have no results to anticipate over there !

Bible stories are so helpful, when they have become a part of the daily life of a child, that often we come upon sweet unexpected results. A teacher had been teaching a class of children and had told the story of Samuel, dwelling much on the happiness there was

in the little boy's heart when he realized God's presence in the room with him alone in the night ; and in connection with it she taught this song :

"I am in my Father's keeping,  
I am in His tender care—  
Whether waking, whether sleeping,  
I am in His care."

The year after, she overheard a conversation between two little girls, one of whom had been in that class. The one who had not been there said :

"My ! but I'm scared in the dark ! Ever since the burglar got in our house, I'm always thinking I hear noises !"

The other said :

"Well, why didn't you sing 'I am in my Father's keeping' ? I sang it the first night we went into our new house, for it was the first time I ever had a room by myself and slept alone, and I wasn't a bit afraid."

To find them leaning on God and trusting in His loving, watchful care when they are alone, is a result to make us very happy.

But it does not always turn out so. Children are such literalists. One day this week a mother heard two of her little boys talking together. One was three and the other five, and they were cutting paper soldiers out of some scraps of paper. The little one said :

"Say, brother, we're like God, aren't we?"

"Why?" said the other.

"'Cause we're making men, aren't we?"

The mother was almost petrified at this result of her teaching of the creation of man, but she need not have been, need she? There was not the slightest irreverence intended. But the little ones take what we

tell them, so absolutely on faith, that we need not be surprised to find them applying our truths at the most unexpected places and times.

One mother here had been teaching the story of Ananias and Sapphira with muchunction to her little girl, and when they sat down at the table, the little girl asked to be helped twice to chicken. Her father, thinking she had had enough for a little girl, cut the leg in half and started to give her the "drum stick," when the child, to the amazement of father and mother, said very earnestly:

"O father, you had better give me all of it; for you know what happened to Ananias for holding back a part."

One day in my own Sunday School, a little girl came up and handed me a dollar, saying, "I thought you might need this to help the poor." I was so touched by it, that I spoke to the mother afterwards about it, and she told me the whole story.

She had been telling Bible stories in her family and had made much of unselfishness and real giving-up for the sake of others.

This little girl was saving money for a watch; but something touched her, for she came to her mother one Sunday morning and said, "I'd like to take all my watch money to give to the poor." But the wise mother, knowing the keenness of the sacrifice, said, "No, dear, not all, but a generous part of it." So she brought the dollar, and from time to time as her fund increased, she brought part of her increase and gave it to me for the poor.

Was this mother glad in her heart? If you could have seen the joyful tears in her eyes, they would have been proof conclusive.

I have seen result after result from simple Bible story telling, and even as a fairy story appealing to the large imaginative side of a child, spends itself in day dreams, so the realistic story of the Bible, combining as it does all the elements that make a story fascinating, finds expression in some loving act, that owes its origin to a sweet feeling aroused by the story.

One of the highest results of Bible stories is their power of suggestion for all time. A train of thought set in motion by the truth

presented thus, goes on and on, sometimes through life, finding new expression in deeds, as the horizon broadens and life grows larger. Blessed be the day of Bible stories for children!

Louisville, Kentucky

#### "WHEN I'M NAUGHTY"

A little child said to his mother that if he could ask what he liked of God, he would say, "Dear God, love me when I'm naughty."

#### WHAT LITTLE THINGS I LIKE THE BEST

If I were to declare  
What little thing I love the best,  
I mean what small affair  
I cherished more than all the rest,  
And I should count them  
On my fingers,  
As one on his first  
Problem lingers,  
It would be—  
Let—me—see—  
Not a ring,  
Nor a gem—  
Nor anything  
Like unto them;  
Nor would it be a precious book  
From which erewhile my spirit took  
Its draught of joy,  
But it would be a sweeter thing,  
A little, black-eyed, romping king—  
My baby boy.

—Victor J. Obenauer

#### CHRIST AMONG MEN

Still another Quarter's Lessons from the beautiful life of Jesus! A new scene every Sabbath from the gospel story, to picture before the minds of the loving Saviour's little ones! A new message for Him to bring each week into their hearts! Be sure of this, dear parent and teacher, that the children need only to see Jesus to love Him! They require but to hear Him speak in His sweet and tender tones, to be won to His service. And He has promised you the help of His own Spirit in your blessed work of

making Him real to those He holds so dear. Again, as for last Quarter, the topic is

#### CHRIST AMONG MEN

1. Strengthening and rewarding faith.
2. Confessed as the promised Messiah.
3. Declared to be the Son of God.
4. Sending forth His messengers.
5. Teaching His disciples to pray.
6. Commanding His disciples to watch.
7. Describing the love of God for sinners.
8. Laying down the law of humility.
9. Appointing a memorial feast.
10. Unjustly condemned by Pilate.
11. Dying for the sins of the world.
12. Proving His power over death.

#### A SEVEN-FOLD GIFT

"I'm sending you," wrote Aunt Mary to her little niece, Kitty Carter, "something for your birthday, and I know you will like it."

Kitty was sure she would, too, because Aunt Mary had been a little girl herself, and knew exactly what to buy for little girls of all sizes.

A few days later the front door opened suddenly; there was a loud thump in the front hall, and everybody jumped. "Dear me!" exclaimed Grandmama, who was spending the day with Kitty's mother, "has the baby fallen down stairs?"

"No," laughed Kitty, "that was probably the postman with my present from Aunt Mary. When he has anything too big to go in the letter-box, he throws it into the hall."

When the parcel was opened, out rolled six round balls. Something rolled out of Kitty's brown eyes at the same moment—two large tears.

"I didn't ever s'pose," said she, choking down a sob as she came back into the sitting-room, "that my Aunt Mary would play tricks on people, on people's birthdays! Just onions—six horrid onions!"

Grandmama gave a sharp look at the "onions." "Why, child," she said, "You will like your onions better on closer acquaintance. These are hyacinth bulbs, very large and heavy ones. I think Aunt Mary must have remembered that you were fond

of flowers. If you will get six flower-pots from the barn, and a basket of soil from the radish bed, I will go out to the side-porch and show you how to plant them." Kitty felt better, and dried her tears and ran for the pots.

The pots were kept down in the dark, cool cellar until, one day in February, Grandma said, "Kitty, it is time for your hyacinths to come upstairs. The pots are full of strong, white roots, and the tops are beginning to grow." Sure enough! the bulbs had each begun to send up a big, fat leaf-bunch, and were ready for more light; so Kitty set the pots in a row in the sunny dining-room window. After that it seemed to her that she could see the plants grow. Before many days each leaf-bunch spread apart, and buds began to show.

At last one morning Kitty was greeted by a tender pink blossom. When all the buds upon the flower-stem of that earliest plant were opened, it was a beautiful sight!

"Now," said Kitty, who was a generous little body, "isn't this lovely luck? Tomorrow will be Mother's birthday. I'll give her this sweet hyacinth."

The next plant to open had pure white blossoms; and, strangely enough, it bloomed the morning of Kitty's Sunday School teacher's wedding, and Kitty carried it herself to the bride, who said it was the sweetest of all her gifts.

When the dark purple hyacinth began to open, the blossoms looked so like a bunch of pansies that Kitty decided to carry it to the Doctor, who lived across the street; for the old gentleman was very fond of pansies, and always had a bed of them in the early spring. "I think," said the Doctor, "that you must have known that it is just forty years ago to-day that I came to this town to live. I shall call this an anniversary present."

What Kitty called "lovely luck" seemed to attend on every one of the "onions." When she learned that there was a little new baby in the house next door, she decided at once to carry him her bright red hyacinth; "because," she said, "babies always like red things! Wasn't it just in time!" Perhaps the baby was a little

young to enjoy the flower ; but the baby's mother was glad to have it in her room to look at while the baby was sleeping.

The deep-pink hyacinth went to Kitty's teacher, who was very ill with a bad cold, and homesick besides ; and she said it made her quite happy for a whole week.

The last hyacinth to open came out on the morning of Easter Sunday, and was the loveliest shade of pale lavender. "I don't suppose anyone will think of sending Grandmama an Easter gift," said Kitty, who was the first one up in the house, "so I guess I'll take her my hyacinth, for it's just the color she likes the best." And Kitty hurried over and set the pot just inside of the door of Grandmama's house, pulled the door-bell and ran away. The dear old lady was delighted when she found the Easter gift.

When Kitty wrote to Aunt Mary, she said, "You didn't know that, besides the bulbs for me, you were sending a birthday gift, an anniversary gift, a wedding present, a baby present, a sick present, and an Easter present, did you, Aunt Mary?"

Now, I think that a selfish little girl would never have discovered that she had received a seven-fold gift !

—Adapted from Little Folks

#### A CHILD'S PRAYERS

They will learn them very rapidly—it is easy for children to memorize ; they will help to form the good habit of morning and evening prayer ; and will form one more link to bind the children all their lives to the sweet memories of the home.

#### A CHILD'S MORNING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for Thy watch-care throughout the night and for the light of another morning. Help me to be grateful to Thee for Thy goodness, and for all Thy mercies to me and to others.

Keep me this day from dangers seen and unseen, and from evil thoughts, words and acts. Make me a true child of our loving Heavenly Father, and whether at home, at school, or at play, may I have grace to be a kind, truthful, and earnest servant of Thy Holy Child Jesus.

Help me to make home a happy place for all who love and serve me, and to honor the dear parents and friends whom Thou hast given me. Teach me to be good in all things, and to do good to all whom I know and whom I can serve.

Give me, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, to keep me strong and steadfast in the faith and following of our Saviour Jesus Christ, for whose sake I ask this, and all things that may be good for me now and forever. Amen.

#### A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER

Most Holy Father, Thou art the Almighty God, but Thou hast bidden little children to come unto Thee. Now, Thy child comes kneeling before Thee with a trusting heart, and prays for Thy blessing. Let Thine angels guard me and all my loved ones this night from harm.

Forgive the selfish thoughts, words and acts of this day, and if Thou shouldest give me another day, grant me Thy Holy Spirit's grace to make it the best day of my life. Help me to be kind and good like Jesus, and to be honorable, truthful, and sweet-tempered. I pray this, O Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Amen.

#### GOLDEN KEYS

A bunch of golden keys is mine,  
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good morning," that's the golden key  
That unlocks every day for me.

When evening comes, "Good night," I say,  
And close the door of each glad day.

When at the table, "If you please,"  
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me,  
I'll use a little "Thank you" key.

"Excuse me ; beg your pardon," too,  
When by mistake some harm I do.

Or if unkindly harm I've given—  
"Forgive me !" I shall be forgiven.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind—  
This is its motto, "Be ye kind."

An Order of Service

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AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1904

I. SING.

Birds are singing, woods are ringing,  
With Thy praises, blessed King ;  
Lake and mountain, field and fountain,  
To Thy throne their tributes bring.

Angels o'er us join the chorus  
Which on earth we sing to Thee ;  
Heaven is ringing, earth is singing,  
Praises to Thee joyfully.

*We, Thy children, join the chorus,  
Merrily, cheerily, gladly praise Thee ;  
Glad hosannas, glad hosannas,  
Joyfully we lift to Thee.*

—Hymn 515, Book of Praise

II. SHORT PRAYER by teacher (class standing) ; followed by the Lord's Prayer, all uniting in it.

III. OFFERINGS. In connection with the offerings, have a brief missionary service, mentioning by name some missionary with whom the children may be familiar. Draw attention to some of the many gifts God has given us, especially the gift of His Son, and tell of those who have not yet heard. Stimulate in the class a desire to help, and suggest ways in which little children may do so.

IV. SING.

Golden harps are sounding,  
Angel voices ring,  
Pearly gates are opened,  
Opened for the King.  
Christ, the King of glory,  
Jesus, King of love,  
Is gone up in triumph  
To His throne above.

He, who came to save us,  
He, who bled and died,  
Now is crowned with glory  
At His Father's side.  
Never more to suffer,  
Never more to die ;  
Jesus, King of glory,  
Is gone up on high !

*All His work is ended,  
Joyfully we sing ;  
Jesus hath ascended !  
Glory to our King.*

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise

V. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Jesus and His Disciples.

How many men did Jesus choose to be with Him? He chose twelve men.

What are these men called? They are called apostles.

Can you give their names? Their names are Peter and Andrew ; James and John ; Philip and Bartholomew ; Thomas and Matthew ; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddæus ; Simon and Judas.

Which of these were the special friends of Jesus? The special friends of Jesus were Peter and James and John.

VI. PRAYER. Ask that the hearts may be prepared to receive the truth taught in the Lesson.

VII. SING (very softly) Tune 355, Book of Praise.

My heart is God's little garden,  
And the fruit that I bear each day,  
Are things He shall see me doing,  
And the words He shall hear me say.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. LESSON HYMN. (Hymn 549, Book of Praise.)

X. TEACHER AND CLASS REPEAT. "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

## JESUS VISITS TYRE AND SIDON

April 3, 1904

Mark 7 : 24-37—Memory Verses, 27-29.

Golden Text—Without faith it is impossible to please him.—Heb. 11 : 6.



## THE LESSON RETOLD

Once Jesus took with Him His disciples and went away toward the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon. Being tired with His journey, He went to lodge in a certain house, telling His disciples to keep it a secret where He was. But the news soon spread that He was come ; so that He could no longer hide Himself.

The first person here to ask Jesus for help was a poor Greek woman, who came crying after Him in the street, begging that He would come and cure her little girl, who was troubled by an evil spirit. At first Jesus did not pay any attention to the woman, and the disciples, vexed at the noise she was making, wished Him to send her away. But Jesus was only waiting to see whether or not the mother truly believed in Him. Seeing that she kept on

following, He presently turned and reminded her that the Jews called all who were not Jews dogs. "Would it then be right," He asked, still wishing to prove her, "to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs?"

But the poor mother was not to be put off. "Oh, Sir," she answered, "what you say is true. Yet even the little dogs have a right to the children's crumbs that fall to them from the table." So pleased was Jesus with her answer and the great faith that it showed, that He at once told her that her daughter should be cured. Believing His promise with all her heart, the mother returned quickly to her home, where she found her little girl well and resting quietly upon the bed.

On His way back to Galilee, Jesus was met by a deaf man, who was also such a stammerer that no one could understand him. His friends now came to Jesus and begged that He would lay His hands upon him, believing He could cure him. Jesus then quietly drew the man aside from the crowd, and after placing His hands upon his ears, He moistened one of His fingers in His mouth and laid it upon the poor man's tongue. Then looking up to heaven in prayer, He spoke the word "Ephphatha," meaning "Be opened," and immediately the man could both hear and speak plainly.

Seeing the excitement of the people, Jesus warned them to say nothing of the miracle. But the more He warned them, the more they told of it saying, "He hath done all things well : He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

## QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON

1. Who came to Jesus when He was near to Tyre and Sidon ?
2. What did this heathen woman want ?
3. What did the Jews think of all who were not Jews ?
4. Why did not Jesus answer her at once ?
5. With what question did He prove her ?
6. How did the mother answer ?
7. Why was Jesus pleased with her ?
8. How did He bless her ?
9. Who met Jesus on His way back to Galilee ?
10. How did He cure the deaf stammerer ?
11. What warning did He give the people ?
12. How did they obey Him ?



**Lesson Story \***

A gentleman and lady were standing in a foundry, before a pot of hot melted iron. The attendant told the gentleman, that if he would first plunge his hand into cold water, he could put it into the hot metal for a second, without its burning him. "No thank you," said the gentleman, "I believe what you say, but I do not care to prove it." "Let me try," said his wife. She thrust her hand into cold water, then put it into the hot iron and drew it out again, quite unharmed.

"You believed," said the attendant to the gentleman, "but your wife trusted." Children, do you see the difference?

**Lesson Hymn**

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by. Amen.  
—Hymn 168, Book of Praise

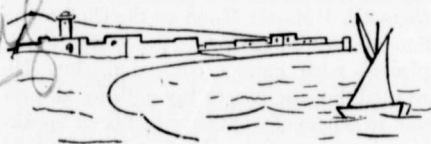
**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment?** The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." **82. What is it to honour our father and mother?** To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?** A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

You have heard of missionaries sailing away from the shores of their own land to



distant countries. They go to tell the people in those countries about the Saviour. Is it

not fine to think, that our offerings will help to send more missionaries? For there are so many yet who do not know of Jesus' love.

**I Have Learned Today  
TO TRUST THE SAVIOUR****MARY AT THE SEPULCHRE****An Alternative Lesson**

John 20: 1-18

The disciples were very sad indeed when Jesus told them that the time had come when He must die. Even though He had promised them that He should rise again, they could not quite believe it; so that when His body was taken down from the cross and laid away in the grave in Joseph's garden, they had given up all hope of ever seeing Him again.

But Jesus did rise again, even as He said, and when, early on the morning of the third day after His crucifixion, Mary Magdalene came to the garden, she found the grave empty. Thinking Jesus' body had been stolen, she at once ran to warn the disciples, and returned weeping to the grave.

Again stooping down and looking into the tomb, she now saw two angels in white, sitting, one at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had lain. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked kindly. "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where to find Him," she answered sadly.

As Mary spoke, she turned, and saw a man behind her, whom she took to be the gardener. He too asked why she wept, and in her grief Mary begged that, if he knew where the body of Jesus was, he would tell her, that she might take care of it.

"Mary!" answered the stranger. Surely she knew that voice! It was not the gardener, but the Master Himself. In her sudden joy, Mary would have held Jesus by the feet; but He said, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet returned to My Father. But go and tell My disciples that I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."

So Mary was the first of all Jesus' friends to spread the good news that He had risen from the dead.

Lesson II.

## PETER CONFESSES THE CHRIST

April 10, 1904

Mark 8 : 27-38. Compare Matt. 16 : 13-28 ; Luke 9 : 18-27—Memory Verses, 34, 35.

**Golden Text**—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16 : 16.

27 And Je'sus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæ'sare'a Philip'pi : and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am ?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist : but some say, Eli'as ; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am ? And Pe'ter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when 'he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Pe'ter, saying, Get thee behind me. Sa'tan : for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

35 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it ; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation ; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

In spite of all the wonderful miracles which Jesus did, even some of His own disciples did not yet know certainly that He was the Son of God.

One day Jesus was walking with His disciples in the country near the city of Caesarea Philippi. Some little distance behind them followed a large company of people, watching to see where Jesus would go and hoping to hear more of His gracious teaching. As they walked, Jesus suddenly stopped, and turning to the disciples, He said, "Who do people say that I am?" "Some," they answered, "say that Thou art John the Baptist, some that Thou art the prophet Elijah, who long ago went up to heaven in a chariot of fire, and others that Thou art one of the old prophets risen from the dead."

"But who do you yourselves say that I am?" asked Jesus searchingly. At first none of the disciples answered. Then Peter, looking Jesus straight in the face, answered for them all, "Master, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus was much pleased with Peter's confession, but He warned the disciples to say nothing at present to others of what they had been speaking about. And for the first time He told His friends plainly, how He must one day be brought to trial by wicked men and be killed, but that on the third day He should rise again. Hearing this, Peter interrupted Jesus, and catching his Master by the hand, he said, "It is not right for Thee to suffer these things." But Jesus shook him off and rebuked Peter sternly, saying, "Get thee

behind me, Satan. You are speaking only as a man, and show no understanding of the ways and thoughts of God."

Seeing the people still following, Jesus now called them to Him, and began to teach them and the disciples, what it meant to truly follow Him. "Whosoever," said Jesus, "will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Jesus said also that a man's soul-life was so precious, that it was worth more to him than anything in the world, and if once lost, there was nothing with which he could buy it back again.

To show that there was no place for cowards among His followers, Jesus now spoke these solemn words, "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did Jesus ask His disciples as they walked toward Caesarea Philippi? 2. Who did people say that Jesus was? 3. What was Jesus' next question? 4. Who answered it? 5. What did Peter say? (Golden Text.) 6. What did Jesus tell the disciples about Himself? 7. How did Peter interrupt Him? 8. How did Jesus rebuke Peter? 9. Whom did He now call to Him? 10. What did Jesus say His followers must be willing to do? 11. What is the most precious thing in the world? 12. What did Jesus say of those who are ashamed of Him?

### Lesson Story

One Saturday, a business man said to his clerks, "I will need you all to-morrow, to help in unloading a vessel which has just come in." "Sir," said one of the clerks, "I cannot work to-morrow." "Well," said his employer, "if you cannot do as I wish, we can separate: You are dismissed."

For three days the young man walked the streets of the city, looking for work. One day a bank president asked his old employer to name a suitable person for cashier in a

new bank about to be started, and he named this young man.

"But I thought you discharged him?" asked the president in surprise. "I did," was the answer, "because he would not work on Sunday. The young man who will lose his position rather than do what he thinks wrong, is the man whom you can trust with your money."

### Lesson Hymn

Who is He in yonder stall,  
At whose feet the shepherds fall?

'Tis the Lord: O wondrous story!

'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!

Amen.

—Hymn 538, Book of Praise

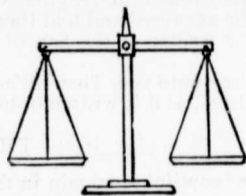
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." 84. What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

SHORTER CATECHISM—17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Balances like these are used for weighing gold. How carefully this precious metal is



weighed! Great care is taken not to lose a single grain. Now Jesus tells us that our souls are worth more than all the gold in the world.

**I Have Learned Today**  
TO CONFESS JESUS AS LORD

Lesson III.

## JESUS TRANSFIGURED

April 17, 1904

Mark 9 : 2-13. Compare Matt. 17 : 1-13 ; Luke 9 : 28-36 ; 2 Pet. 1 : 16-21—Memory Verses, 2-4.

**Golden Text**—A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Mark 9 : 7.



2 And after six days Je'sus taketh *with him* Pe'ter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves : and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow ; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Eli'as with Mo'ses : and they were talking with Je'sus.

5 And Pe'ter answered and said to Je'sus, Master, it is good for us to be here : and let us make three tabernacles ; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as.

6 For he wist not what to say ; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them : and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Je'sus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Eli'as must first come ?

12 And he answered and told them, Eli'as verily cometh first, and restoreth all things ; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

13 But I say unto you, That Eli'as is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The most beautiful mountain in the country in which Jesus lived was Mount Hermon, which was so high that its shining, snowy peak could be seen from almost every part of Palestine. When Jesus came to Cæsarea Philippi He was very near Mount Hermon, and about a week after Peter had made his great confession, that his master was the Son of God, Jesus one evening went up the mountain-side to pray, taking with Him Peter, and James and John.

While He was praying, the disciples, being wearied with their steep climb, fell fast asleep on the ground. Suddenly they were awakened by a bright light, more glorious than any they had ever seen. Quickly arous-

ing themselves, they looked toward the spot where Jesus was still praying, and as they looked they saw that His face had grown bright like the sun itself, whilst His garments, which they knew were made of the same stuff as their own, became white and glistening like snow, and appeared to flash like lightning. In the midst of the brightness the disciples now saw two heavenly strangers, who talked with Jesus about the death He should die at Jerusalem, and who, the disciples learned, were Moses and Elias.

Peter, overcome by surprise and excitement at what he had seen, and hardly knowing what he was saying, now began to cry out. "Master!" he said, "it is good for us

to be here. Let us build three resting-places, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elias, that they may stay with us."

But even as he spoke, the vision passed upward in a bright cloud, out of which God's voice spoke saying, "This is My beloved Son: hear Him." At this the disciples hid their faces in fear. But when the brightness had disappeared Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Arise, be not afraid," and when they looked up they saw no man, but Jesus only.

As they went down the mountain-side together, Jesus warned His three friends to say nothing of what they had seen that night, until after He had risen from the dead. And while they wondered much what the rising from the dead could mean, another question puzzled them. What was meant by the old saying of the scribes, that an Elijah must come to prepare the way for the Saviour? Was it this Elijah they had just seen up on the mountain-top?

But Jesus set their minds at rest by pointing out that His great forerunner had already come, and had been cruelly received and put to death by wicked men. This prophet, the disciples remembered, was not Elijah, but John the Baptist.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus go up the mountain-side? 2. Whom did He take with Him? 3. What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed? 4. What awakened them? 5. What change did they see in their Master? 6. Who were talking to him? 7. What did Peter say? 8. Whose voice did the disciples hear? 9. Where did it come from? 10. How did the disciples show their fear? 11. How did Jesus comfort them? 12. What did they see when they looked up? 13. What warning did Jesus give them as they went down from the mountain? 14. The Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Glory to God on high!  
Let earth to heaven reply;  
Praise ye His name:  
His love and grace adore,  
Who all our sorrows bore;  
And praise Him evermore;  
Worthy the Lamb!

Join, all ye ransomed race,  
Our Lord and God to bless,

Praise ye His name:  
In Him we will rejoice,  
Making a gladsome noise,  
Shouting with heart and voice,  
Worthy the Lamb! Amen.

—Hymn 96, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—85. Which is the Seventh Commandment?** The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." **86. What did Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment?** Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all impure thoughts.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell?**

A. The sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell, consists in the guilt of of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Do you remember another time when God called Jesus "My beloved Son"? It was



when Jesus was baptized. The Son of God came all the way from heaven to earth to tell us His Father's will, and to help us to do it. Ought we not to hear and heed His words?

**I Have Learned Today  
THAT I SHOULD OBEY JESUS**

Lesson IV.

## THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

April 24, 1904

Luke 10 : 1-16. Study vs. 1-24—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

**Golden Text**—Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.—Luke 10 : 2.



9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you ; notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sod'om, than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin ! woe unto thee, Beth'sai'da ! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Si'don, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the judgment, than for you.

15 And thou, Caper'naum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be thrust down to hell.

16 He that heareth you heareth me ; and he that despiseth you despiseth me ; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways : behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes : and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it : if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give : for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you :

## THE LESSON RETOLD

So far, most of Jesus' wonderful teaching and miracles had been done in the towns and villages around the Lake of Galilee. In Capernaum, which He called "His own city," He had raised to life again a little girl who had been dead. At Bethsaida, across the lake, He had fed the starving multitude. Many families in every part of Galilee had received blessing from His hand.

But in spite of all that He had done among them, the Galileans were among the first to turn against Jesus. Stirred up by the wicked scribes and Pharisees, the people

at last grew so bitter, that it was no longer safe for the Saviour to remain in that part of the country. As He left Galilee, Jesus spoke sadly to His disciples of the wickedness of the cities which had so shamefully rejected Him, saying that if the same miracles that had been done in Capernaum had been done in the neighboring heathen towns of Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. "Woe unto the cities of Galilee," said Jesus, "for they shall be destroyed with a great and terrible punishment."

From Galilee Jesus travelled towards Jerusalem, knowing that soon He must be put to death. Feeling that His time for preaching and healing was growing short, Jesus now chose seventy of His friends to go before Him into every town and village through which He must pass, to prepare the people for His coming. Thinking of those who as yet knew nothing of His message, Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

When the seventy were ready to start, Jesus called them to Him, and sent them away two by two, saying, "Behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves, but make no preparation for your journey: go just as you are, carrying with you no extra money or clothes, neither linger by the way. When you come to a town, go first of all to some house, saying, 'Peace be to this house.' If they receive you well, they shall be blessed; stay with them while you are in that place, eating and drinking such things as they offer you, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Do not move about from house to house, but at once make known your message in the town, healing any who are sick, and saying, 'The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.'

"If, in any city, they will not hear you, go out into the public street, and shake the dust off your feet, as a sign that you are not to blame for their unbelief. The people of such a town," said Jesus, "shall be punished even more severely than Sodom, that great city of olden times, which for its wickedness was burned with fire from heaven. He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me, despiseth Him that sent Me."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus do most of His teaching and miracles? 2. Why did the Galileans turn against Him? 3. What did Jesus say of the cities that had rejected Him? 4. Towards what city did He now prepare to go? 5. Whom did He call to help Him in

His work? 6. What was the work of the seventy? 7. How many were to go together? 8. What directions did Jesus give them for the journey? 9. What words were they to speak as they entered a house? 10. What were they to say to the people of the town? 11. What did Jesus say should happen to those who refused their message? 12. The Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying—  
 'Who will go and work to-day?  
 Fields are white and harvests waiting;  
 Who will bear the sheaves away?'  
 Loud and long the Master calleth,  
 Rich reward He offers free;  
 Who will answer, gladly saying,  
 'Here am I; send me, send me!' Amen.  
 —Hymn 447, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—87. Which is the Eighth Commandment? The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

SHORTER CATECHISM—19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell? A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

How busy the farmers are after the grain is ripe until it is safely gathered into the



barn! Jesus wants His followers to be just as busy in bringing people into His kingdom. One way of doing this is to pray. We can all ask God, day by day, to send more of His servants to tell in all the world the story of His love.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
 TO TELL OF JESUS TO OTHERS

## PRAYER AND PROMISE

May 1, 1904

Luke 11 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 11-13.

**Golden Text**—Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find.—Luke 11 : 9.

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins ; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not : the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone ? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent ?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion ?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him ?

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Once, when Jesus had finished praying, a disciple came to Him, saying, "Master, teach us to pray, as John the Baptist taught his disciples." Now Jesus wanted His disciples to feel that God was more willing to help His people than any earthly friend ; so He told them this parable :—

There was once a man who went from one town to another, to visit a friend. The day being hot, he waited until sundown to set out, and arrived at his friend's house about midnight. His host, not having expected a visitor so late at night, had no food in the house, and not wishing to let his guest go to bed hungry, he ran to a neighbor's to see if he could borrow a little bread.

But his neighbor was in bed, and hearing

his friend's voice at the door, he answered him roughly, "I can do nothing for you ; if I get up I may awaken the children ; trouble me not." But his friend was not to be put off, and kept on knocking and knocking, so that at last his neighbor got up, and gave him all that he asked for, not because he wished to be friendly, but in order to get rid of his troublesome visitor.

"I say unto you," said Jesus, "ask and it shall be given unto you ; seek and ye shall find ; knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

"Never suppose," said Jesus again, "that God is unwilling to give good things to His



children. Whoever heard of an earthly father, who, if his son asked for bread, would give him a stone, or if he asked for a fish, would offer him a poisonous snake. If then, a sinful earthly parent knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more ready is your heavenly Father to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."

That the disciples might know just how to speak when coming to God in prayer, Jesus gave them this pattern prayer, which is always called, "The Lord's Prayer."

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the disciples ask Jesus to teach them? 2. About whom did Jesus tell them a parable? 3. What did the man do who had no food for his guest? 4. Why was the door of his neighbor's house closed? 5. How did the man inside answer him? 6. Why did he at last give him what he asked for? 7. What great gift did Jesus say the heavenly Father is waiting to give His children? 8. What is the name of the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples? 9. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Alexander the Great had in his court a very learned man who came to be in great want.

He went to the king in his trouble, and at his request for help, the king told him to go to his treasurer, and ask for whatever he wanted.

The scholar went, and in the king's name asked for a sum equal to \$50,000. The treasurer refused to pay it, and sent to the king telling him about the large request of the poor man.

In reply, the king said, "Let the money be paid; this man has done me an honor. By his request he shows that he believes, not only in my wealth, but in my loving bounty."

Every little one honors God by asking and expecting great things from Him.

### Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

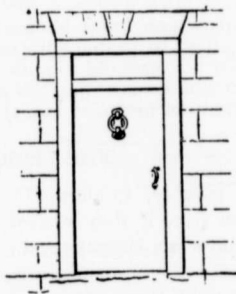
### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—88.** Which is the Ninth Commandment? The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." **89.** What is it to bear false witness against our neighbour? It is to say what is not true about others.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—20.** Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

If you knew that a dear friend were knocking at your house door, you would be very willing to open it, would you not? Jesus



Himself has told us, that God is far more willing to hear and answer the prayers of His children. There is nothing really good for us that He will not give.

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT I SHOULD PRAY TO GOD**

## WATCHFULNESS

May 8, 1904

## A Temperance Lesson

Luke 12 : 35-48—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

**Golden Text**—Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when He cometh shall find watching.—Luke 12 : 37.



35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning ;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding ; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching : verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also : for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Pe'ter said unto him, Lord speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all ?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall make ruler over his household, to give *them* their portion of meat in due season ?

43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming ; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken ;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required : and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus once told a parable, to show His friends how they must live, if they wished to be glad to meet Him when He came again at the last day.

"There was once," said Jesus, "an Eastern prince, who went one evening to a wedding. Not saying when he should return, he left his servants in charge of the house, telling them to keep watch for his home-coming. Hour after hour these servants waited, keeping their lanterns trimmed and their coats on, so as to be ready to open the gate as soon as they should hear their

master's footstep. At last he came, and, as a reward to his faithful servants, he made them a supper and waited upon them himself. Blessed are those servants," said Jesus, "whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching."

To show how the heavenly Master may come unexpectedly, Jesus now said, "A man went to bed at night, and while he was asleep, thieves broke into his house and stole his goods. If that man had known when the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have allowed his house to

be robbed. Be ye, therefore, ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Peter now asked Jesus if the disciples only were to watch, or if these warnings were for all. In answer, Jesus told another parable, to prove that everyone may watch by doing his own work as well as possible.

"There was a rich man who went away from home, leaving one of his servants in charge of his estate. Coming back suddenly, a long time after, he found that servant still at his work, and at once promoted him to be head servant of all." "Suppose," said Jesus, "that servant had said, 'My master may be a long time away,' and had begun to get drunk and to beat the other servants, would not his master, when he came, punish him severely?"

"Anyone," said Jesus, "who does wrong, when he knows how to do right, deserves a much harder punishment than one who does wrong, because he knows no better. Therefore, to whom much is given, of him shall much be required."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a parable?
2. Whom did the wedding guest leave in charge of his house?
3. What one command did he give his servants?
4. How did they prepare for their master's home-coming?
5. Why, and how, did he reward them?
6. Why did Jesus tell the story of the man whose house was robbed?
7. What question did Peter ask Jesus?
8. What plan did Jesus take to answer him?
9. How did the merchant's servant behave, when his master was away?
10. How was he treated?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Now Bob, go straight to Grandma's, and be sure not to lose that note that I gave you; don't take it out of your pocket at all." "No, mother," promised Bob, stepping on the car.

"Where are you going Bob?" asked a mischievous looking young man beside him. "To my grandmother's." "Let me see that note in your pocket." "I can't," answered Bob. "I'll give you this bag of

peaches, if you will just let me see the corner of it," said the tempter.

Just then, a man left his seat at the other end to get off the car, and Bob slid quickly down and climbed into the vacant place. As he sat down, a lady who had seen the whole thing, leaned forward and said, "Tell your mother, Bob, that I congratulate her upon having a little man strong enough to resist temptation, and wise enough to run away from it."

### Lesson Hymn

Watch, as if on that alone  
Hung the issue of the day;  
Pray that help may be sent down:  
"Watch and pray." Amen.  
—Hymn 254, Book of Praise

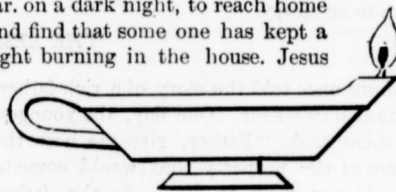
### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment?** The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet." **91. What is it to covet?** To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?** A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

This is a lamp of the kind used in ancient times. It is pleasant, when one has travelled far, on a dark night, to reach home and find that some one has kept a light burning in the house. Jesus



has gone away, and is coming back again. He wants each one of us to be waiting and ready to receive Him,

**I Have Learned Today**  
TO WATCH FOR JESUS' COMING

## Lesson VII.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

May 15, 1904

Luke 15 : 11-24. Study vs. 11-32—Memory Verses, 17-19.

**Golden Text**—Come, and let us return unto the Lord.—Hosea 6 : 1.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons :  
12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land ; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country ; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat : and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger !

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired servants.

19 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

20 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

21 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him ; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet :

22 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry :

23 For this my son was dead, and is alive again ; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

24 And the elder son was angry, and went out. And he began to chide himself, saying, I have served my father many years, and he never gave me a kid, nor a fatted calf, nor a single lamb, that I might rejoice with my fellows ; and he kept all his goods of me, and sent me into the fields to feed swine, and I have never disobeyed his commandment. And when I came, he killed the fatted calf, because he had found his son that was dead. And he said to himself, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

25 And he said to himself, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

26 And he said to himself, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

27 And he said to himself, I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus once told the story of a rich father, who had two sons. One day, the youngest of them said, "Father, give me now the share of the property that would come to me if you were to die." So the father divided everything he had between his two sons.

When they had each received their portion, the eldest son went back to his work on the farm, where he looked after his father's business as faithfully as ever. But the younger son said to himself, "This kind of work is too slow, I'm going away where I can have a good time, and do just as I please." So, after a few days he packed up his things, and taking all his money with him, went far away into a strange country.

Here he fell in with bad companions, with whom he wasted his father's money in feasting and drinking. At last it was all gone, and one by one his companions left him. Worse than all, a famine now broke out ; and having nothing to eat, the young man went and hired himself to a farmer, who gave him the lowest work about his place, sending him into the field to feed pigs. For days no one offered the poor slave anything to eat ; so that he was driven to eat the empty bean-pods which he threw to the pigs.

Then, thinking of the comfortable living that his father's servants enjoyed, he said to himself, "I can stand this no longer ; I will go home to my father and tell him how

wickedly I have behaved, and ask him if he will forgive me and take me back, not as his son, but as one of his hired servants."

But long before he reached home, his father saw him coming and ran out to meet him. Taking no notice of his offer to be a servant, the father threw his arms around his son's neck and kissed him, and saying not a word about his wickedness, led him straight into the house. Here, calling a servant, he told him to bring the best guest-robe for his son, and to put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and to see that dinner was got ready quickly and the neighbors invited to rejoice with them. "For," said the father, "this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the young man in Jesus' story ask his father? 2. What did he do when he received his money? 3. What kind of friends did he choose? 4. How did he spend his money? 5. What happened in the country whither he went? 6. Why was the young man hungry? 7. To whom did he hire himself? 8. What work was he set to do? 9. What did he eat? 10. What did he made up his mind to do? 11. Who saw him when he was still far from home? 12. How did his father receive him! 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

One morning Henry's father sent him into the garden to plant pumpkin-seed. But when Henry had planted fourteen rows and there were still seven to be done, he grew tired, and looking round to see that no one was watching, he kicked a deep hole in the earth and buried the whole of his remaining seed.

At dinner-time his father asked. "Did you plant all the seed?" "Yes," answered Henry, but how ashamed he felt.

One Sunday, some weeks after, Henry and his father were walking in the garden, when they came upon a perfect tangle of pumpkin vines. "Is this your work?" asked his father, and the whole sad story came out.

Henry's father did not scold, but remarked in a voice that the boy never forgot,

"You see how true it is, that ' whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' "

### Lesson Hymn

Come to the Saviour, make no delay,  
Here in His word He's shown us the way :  
Here in our midst He's standing to-day,  
Tenderly saying, ' Come ! '

Think once again, He's with us to-day ;  
Heed now His blest command and obey ;  
Hear now His accents tenderly say,  
Will you, My children, come ?

*Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,  
When from sin our hearts are pure and free ;  
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,*

*In our eternal home. Amen.*

—Hymn 560, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us?** Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?** A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

You know this picture. Here is the son who has been wandering in a far country. The old father is giving him a loving wel-



come. You know what the picture teaches, too. It teaches that our heavenly Father is willing, oh ! so willing, to receive and pardon us, however we have sinned.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
TO KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD

## Lesson VIII.

## JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY

May 22, 1904

Mark 10 : 35-45. Study vs. 32-45—Memory verses, 43-45.

**Golden Text**—For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.—Mark 10 : 45.



are accounted to rule over the Gen'tiles exercise lordship over them ; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you : but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister :

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went along the way toward Jerusalem, He talked more and more often of the time when He must be put to death. But though He spoke sadly of what should happen to Him at Jerusalem, He constantly reminded His beloved disciples that, after He had risen from the dead, He should return to His Father, and prepare a place for them in His heavenly kingdom.

Among the throng that followed Jesus from place to place was a woman called Salome, who was the mother of James and John. These two, with Peter, were the three whom Jesus loved best of all His disciples. One day Salome, with her two sons, pushed their way through the crowd, and coming to the place where Jesus stood, they worshipped Him, saying, "Dear Master, promise that Thou wilt give us whatever we desire." "What is it that I can do for

35 And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Je'sus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask : can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Je'sus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of ; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized :

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give ; but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42 But Je'sus called them to *him*, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which

you?" answered Jesus. Then they asked that James and John might sit, one on His right hand and the other on His left hand, in His kingdom.

"You know not for what you are asking," said Jesus. "Your words show that you are thinking only of honor to yourselves; you forget that those who would be with Me in My glory must be able now to endure much that is hard and disappointing, for My sake." Then Jesus asked them if they thought they were able to bear such sufferings as were soon to come upon Him? Could they drink of the cup of sorrow and pain that would in a few days be His? James and John, feeling strong enough for anything while Jesus was beside them, answered both together, "Master, we can."

Jesus then told them that they should indeed suffer many things for His sake and

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the gospel's. "But," He said, "to sit on My right hand and on My left hand, is not Mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared."

When the ten other disciples heard of the request of James and John, they were much displeased, thinking these were trying to get the best places in Jesus' kingdom for themselves. When Jesus heard the disciples disputing which of them should be counted the greatest, He called them to Him and said, "See how the rulers in the world struggle to get power for themselves, not that they may make their people happier, but that they may add to their own importance and pleasure.

"In My kingdom," said the Saviour, "it is quite different. Whosoever would be greatest among you, must be willing to be the servant of all. Then indeed will you be like your Master. For even the Son of man came, not to be waited upon, but to serve, and to give up His life that He might save many."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Toward what city was Jesus now travelling?
2. Whom among the disciples did Jesus love the best?
3. What was the name of the mother of James and John?
4. What request did she and her sons make of Jesus?
5. What question did Jesus ask them?
6. How did they answer?
7. What did Jesus say to them about the places they had asked for?
8. Why were the other disciples angry?
9. What did Jesus do when He heard them disputing?
10. Who did He say should be the greatest in His kingdom?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A rich man once allowed some poor children to come to his house every day for a loaf of bread. As the children surrounded the basket, they quarrelled and strove, as to which of them should get the largest loaf. Only Franziska, the poorest of them all, stood quietly aside. Then taking the smallest loaf that was left, she thanked the man and went home.

What was her surprise when the bread was cut, to see fall out of it several pieces of money! Her mother, thinking there had

been some mistake, sent her back with it at once. "It is all right," said the man. "I hid the money in the smallest loaf for the child who should be unselfish enough to choose it."

### Lesson Hymn

I want to be like Jesus,  
Engaged in doing good,  
So that of me it may be said,  
'She hath done what she could.'

Amen.

—Hymn 525, Book of Praise

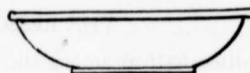
### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—93.** Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments? We should ask God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us to keep His commandments.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—23.** \*What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

We all want to be happy. The surest way to be happy is to be helpful. It is doing kind deeds that makes the sweetest music in our hearts. We should not be afraid of doing very humble things for others.



Jesus is the Lord and Master of us all; yet He was not ashamed to wash the feet of His disciples. He is our Example in lowly service.

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

## Lesson IX.

## THE PASSOVER

May 29, 1904

Matt. 26 : 17-30. Compare Mark 14 : 12-26 ; Luke 22 : 7-30—Memory Verses, 26-28.

**Golden Text**—For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.—1 Cor. 5 : 7.



17 Now the first *day* of the *feast* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Je'sus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand ; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Je'sus had appointed them ; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dip-peth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him : but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed ! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Ju'das, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Je'sus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat ; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it ;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The great spring-time festival among the Jews was called the Passover. At this season the people gathered together in Jerusalem, where each family, after having eaten their own Passover meal, joined with their friends and neighbors in a week of worship and holiday-making. The Passover was intended to remind the people of the time, long ago, when God had sent His angel to destroy the first-born of the Egyptians, and had passed over the dwellings of His people because of the blood-marks upon their doors.

As Jesus and His disciples took their last sad journey toward Jerusalem, they were joined by vast crowds of people on their way to the Passover. As neither Jesus nor His disciples had any house in Jerusalem, the disciples, not knowing where they should

themselves keep the Passover, now came to Jesus, saying, "Master, where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Pass-over?" Calling to Him Peter and John, Jesus now sent them on into the city, giving them a message for the master of a servant whom they should meet at the gate, carrying a pitcher of water. Finding the servant, and following him home, the disciples gave the owner of the house this message, "The Master saith, 'I will keep the Passover at thy house with My disciples.'" At once the man gave them an upstairs guest chamber, and here Peter and John prepared the Pass-over. In the evening, Jesus and the other disciples came, and they sat down all together at the table.

When supper was ended, Jesus, looking



around the table, said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me." Wondering of whom He spoke, the disciples began one after another to ask, "Lord, is it I?" and they were filled with sorrow. But Jesus made no answer, until it came Judas' turn to ask the question, "Master, is it I?" when Jesus whispered, "Thou hast said." By this the other disciples knew that Judas was a traitor.

Jesus then "took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. . . I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.'"

Then Jesus asked His disciples to keep this, His Supper of bread and wine, always as a remembrance of Him; and when they had sung the Passover hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the Passover? 2. Of what did it remind the people? 3. What question did the disciples ask Jesus, as they came near Jerusalem? 4. Where did Jesus send them? 5. Whom did He tell them they should meet? 6. What did they say to the servant's master? 7. What did he give them? 8. Who sat down with Jesus at the Passover feast? 9. Which of them was a traitor? 10. What did Jesus ask His friends to do in remembrance of Him? 11. Of what were the bread and wine a reminder? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Grant's father was one of the brave soldiers who had marched away to the war. When he kissed his boy good-by, he had whispered firmly, with his hand on Grant's shoulder, "Be true, my boy!"

It was a terrible day for Grant when he learned that his father had given his life for his country, and would never return.

But his good-by message came to be to Grant what his father's life would have

been; and with it for his guide he is trying to be a boy his father would have been proud of—good, and strong, and true.

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, whose I am,  
Purchased Thine alone to be  
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,  
Shed so willingly for me,  
Let my heart be all Thine own,  
Let me live to Thee alone. Amen.  
—Hymn 240, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 94. **What is prayer?** Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. 95. **To whom should we pray?** We should pray to God only.

SHORTER CATECHISM—24. *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?* A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Sometimes a friend on leaving gives us some simple thing, perhaps a pencil or a trinket, to remember him by. We value this for the giver's sake. The bread and the wine you have seen passed from one to another, on the Communion Sabbath, are things by which Jesus asks us to remember Him.



### I Have Learned To-day

TO REMEMBER THE LORD JESUS

Lesson X.

## CHRIST'S TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

June 5, 1904

Mark 15: 1-15—Compare Luke 23: 1-25; Matt. 27: 11-30; John 18: 28 to 19: 16.  
Memory Verses, 12-14.

**Golden Text**—Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.—Luke 23: 4.



1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Je'sus, and carried *him* away, and delivered *him* to Pi'late.

2 And Pi'late asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest *it*.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things; but he answered nothing.

4 And Pi'late asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5 But Je'sus yet answered nothing; so that Pi'late marvelled.

6 Now at *that* feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was *one* named Barab'bas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire *him* to do as he had ever done unto them.

9 But Pi'late answered them, saying, Will

ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barab'bas unto them.

12 And Pi'late answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto *him* whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pi'late said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 And *so* Pi'late, willing to content the people, released Barab'bas unto them, and delivered Je'sus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus and His disciples were at the Passover supper, Judas had gone to the chief priests, saying, "If you will give me thirty pieces of silver, I will tell you where you can find my Master." Then the chief priests at once took soldiers, and led by Judas to Mount Olivet, they found Jesus praying in a garden with His disciples. Seizing Jesus by the arm, they bound Him with a rope and dragged him quickly away in the darkness to the high priest's palace, to be tried for His life.

Now, it was against the law for the Jews to put anyone to death without the leave of the Roman governor. So, early the next morning, the Scribes and Pharisees took

Jesus, still bound with a rope, and led Him through the streets of Jerusalem to Pilate's palace, demanding that He be put to death.

Pilate did not think that Jesus looked as if He should be punished, and said to the Jews, "What has this man done?" "He says He is a king," shouted the people all together. "Art thou the King of the Jews?" asked Pilate, turning to Jesus. "I am," answered Jesus quietly; and immediately there arose such an angry shouting and noise, that it was impossible to tell what anyone was saying. But in the midst of the uproar, Jesus stood patiently and said nothing. Pilate had never before seen a prisoner behave so, and he spoke to Jesus roughly,

saying, "Why dost Thou not speak? See how many things they are saying against Thou!" But still Jesus, to Pilate's amazement, did not answer.

Pilate did not wish to kill Jesus, and yet he was afraid of offending the Jews; so in order to put off deciding what should be done with Jesus, he now made the people an offer, saying, "You know that, at the feast time, I always set free one prisoner, who is chosen by the people. There is now in prison, Barabbas, the murderer. Which would you rather? That I should set free the King of the Jews, or Barabbas?" Pilate hoped the people would choose Jesus to go free, but they did not; they chose Barabbas, the murderer.

"Then what shall I do with the King of the Jews?" asked Pilate, still trying to save Jesus. "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" the people shouted again and again. So Pilate, wishing to save himself further trouble, wickedly gave them Jesus, to do with Him as they would; and when the soldiers had beaten Him, they led Him away to be crucified.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the chief priests find out where Jesus was? 2. How did they take Him? 3. Why could they not put Him to death? 4. To whom did they take Jesus to be tried? 5. What did Pilate ask the Jews? 6. Why did they say that Jesus should be put to death? 7. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? 8. How did the Saviour answer? 9. What did Jesus do when the people spoke against Him? 10. Why did not Pilate allow Jesus to go free? 11. What offer did he make the people? 12. Whom did they choose? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"I happened once," said a minister, "to be seated in a train, when the conductor passed with a very pretty flower in his buttonhole. Presently there came along a drunken fellow, and as he went by the conductor, he snatched out the flower and flung it out of the car window. I watched the conductor's face flush, and his fist was clenched; but turning with an effort, he went went on his way.

"As he passed my seat, I said, 'You took that splendidly!' He nodded his head, and replied: 'If I had not been on duty, sir, I would have knocked his head off!'"

A Christian is always on duty. It was this spirit that the Master Himself showed. When wicked men spoke falsely against Him, He answered them not a word.

### Lesson Hymn

O Christ, what burdens bowed Thy head!  
Our load was laid on Thee:  
Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead,  
Bearing all ill for me:  
A victim led, Thy blood was shed;  
Now there's no load for me. Amen.

—Hymn 47, Book of Praise

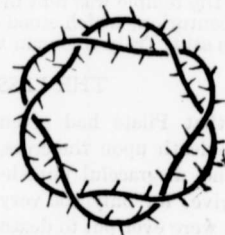
### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—96. *May we pray to Jesus Christ?* Yes; because Jesus Christ is God. 97. *May we pray to the Holy Spirit?* Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—25. *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?* A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was very, very cruel, was it not, to wound the brow of the Saviour by placing



upon it this crown of thorns? We think that we would not have done such a thing. Then let us be, oh! so careful not to grieve the loving heart of Jesus by evil words or deeds!

**I Have Learned Today**  
TO ENDURE WRONG PATIENTLY

Mark 15 : 22-39. Compare Matt. 27 : 32-61—Memory Verses, 25-27.

**Golden Text**—Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15 : 3.



22 And they bring him unto the place Gol'gotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh : but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves ; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others ; himself he cannot save.

32 Let Christ the King of Is'rael descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Je'sus cried with a loud voice, saying, Elo'i, Elo'i, lama' sabach'tha'ni? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Eli'as.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone ; let us see whether Eli'as will come to take him down.

37 And Je'sus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

The punishment that Pilate had given Jesus, of being put to death upon the cross, was the most cruel and disgraceful punishment that he could give, for only the very worst of wicked men were ever put to death in this way. Nor was it allowed that anyone should be put to death inside the walls of Jerusalem ; so Jesus was now led away by the Roman soldiers to be crucified at a place called by the Romans, Calvary, and by the Jews, Golgotha. Both names are the same and mean "the place of a skull," so-called, likely, from the shape of the ground, which was something like the

bones of a man's head. It was near the city.

Here, with Jesus, were crucified two robbers, Jesus' cross being placed in the middle, a robber upon His right hand and another upon His left, as if He had been the most guilty of all. Before the cruel nails were driven through His hands and feet, the soldiers offered Jesus some wine mixed with myrrh, which was intended to partly take away the pain ; but Jesus would not drink it. Then, as soon as this was done, these rough soldiers sat down near by on the ground, and cast lots as to which of them should keep the clothes belonging to Jesus.

It was always the custom when any one was put to death in this way, to write in large white letters on a board, to be fastened to the top of his cross, the name of the wicked thing the man had done. Because Jesus had done no wrong, Pilate simply wrote above His cross, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." As Jesus hung dying upon Calvary, the people passed back and forth on their way to the Passover holiday at Jerusalem. No one paid any attention to the others, but many people stopped, when they saw what was written above the middle cross; and, wagging their heads, the people mocked at Jesus saying, "Save Thyself, and come down from the cross! Ah! Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days!" With them also joined the scribes and elders, saying, "He called Himself the King of Israel. Let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe. He saved others; Himself He cannot save." Even the two thieves mocked and reviled Him.

Suddenly, a strange thing happened. It was now noon, but thick blackness overspread the sky, so that there was darkness over everything for three hours. At the end of that time, Jesus called with a loud voice, saying, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Thinking He was calling for help, some one ran and filled a sponge with a kind of sour wine, and reached it up upon a reed to His lips. When Jesus had cried again, saying, "It is finished," He gave up His life; and immediately the great curtain in the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom.

Now, when the captain of the soldiers who kept guard beside the cross heard Jesus' words and saw how He gave up His life, He was astonished, and said, "There can be no doubt that this man was the Son of God."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Pilate give the Jews leave to do with Jesus? 2. Who only were punished in this way? 3. Where was Jesus taken to be crucified? 4. Near what city was Golgotha? 5. Who were crucified with Jesus? 6. What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothes? 7. What words were written above

His cross? 8. What did the people who passed by say to Him? 9. Who, most of all, mocked and jeered at Jesus on the cross? 10. What happened at noon? 11. What were Jesus' last words? 12. What did the Roman captain say about Him?

### Lesson Hymn

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

—Hymn 46, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—98. For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers? We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. 99. For whom should we pray besides ourselves? God's Word teaches us that we should pray for all men.**

**SHORTER CATECHISM—26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Death on the cross was a very shameful death. It was only those thought to be the worst and wickedest who were put to death



in this way. But think of the bright crown and glorious throne which Jesus now enjoys! These He won by enduring the cross. We have our hard things to do. Let us learn from Jesus to do them bravely. If we do this, then there is a crown for us, too.

**I Have Learned Today**  
THAT JESUS TAKES AWAY SIN

## Lesson XII.

## CHRIST RISEN

June 19, 1904

Matt. 28 : 1-15. Compare Mark ch. 16 ; Luke ch. 24—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

**Golden Text**—Now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.

behold, Je'sus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Je'sus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell my brethren that they go into Gal'ilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught : and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as it was certain that Jesus was dead, a good man named Joseph went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus, and taking it down from the cross, he laid it lovingly away in a new grave in his own garden. This grave was hollowed out of a great rock, the opening to which was closed with a large, round, heavy stone. The Jews now went to Pilate and persuaded him to send a guard of soldiers to keep watch in Joseph's garden, to see that no one took the body of Jesus away.

All Friday night, all day Saturday, which was the Jewish Sabbath, and all Saturday night, the body of Jesus lay in the grave. Early in the morning of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdale'ne and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake : for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow :

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Je'sus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here : for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead ; and, behold, he goeth before you into Gal'ilee ; there shall ye see him : lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy ; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples,

10 And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

11 Then said Je'sus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell my brethren that they go into Gal'ilee, and there shall they see me.

12 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

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16 So they took the money, and did as they were taught : and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

came to the garden, intending to lay sweet spices beside the body of their beloved Master. As they drew near the grave, they began to wonder who should help them roll away the stone.

But what was their astonishment to see that the stone was already rolled away, and upon it was sitting an angel, whose face gleamed like lightning, and his garments shone white as snow. At the sight of the angel the soldiers fell down in a faint, but to the women the heavenly messenger now spoke kindly, saying, "Fear not ye ; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here ; He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that

He is risen from the dead ; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee ; there shall ye see Him : lo, I have told you."

In great joy, the women turned quickly and began running back towards the city to carry the wonderful news to the disciples. On the way they met Jesus Himself, who spoke to them, saying, "All hail!" meaning, "Rejoice!" At His voice they fell to the ground, and clasping Jesus by the feet, they worshipped Him. But Jesus said, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that I will meet them, as I said, in Galilee." This the women did.

Now, when the soldiers who had been set to guard the grave, saw that Jesus was risen, they went and told the chief priests all that had happened. And they, wishing to deceive the people, gave the soldiers a large bribe of money, telling them to say that His disciples had come in the night while they slept, and had stolen His body away.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Where was Jesus buried?
2. What kind of grave was it?
3. Whom did Pilate send to guard the grave?
4. How long did Jesus lie in the tomb?
5. Who came to the garden on the morning of the third day?
6. What did they find had been done with the stone?
7. Whom did they see?
8. What did the angel say to the women?
9. Whom did they meet, as they returned to Jerusalem?
10. What did Jesus say to them?
11. What did the chief priests bribe the soldiers to do?
12. What is the Golden Text? The soldiers told this false story, and the Jews, even to this day, believe it.

**Where the Violets Sleep**

Where do the little violets creep,  
 When comes the time of snow?  
 Into the dark to rest and sleep  
 And wait for spring ; they go  
 Under the ground, where storms can't reach ;  
 And God takes tenderest care of each.

Are you afraid, dear girl or boy,  
 Afraid of the dark of death?  
 Jesus will raise you full of joy  
 To the world of light, He saith :  
 And where the little violets sleep,  
 Your body safe the Lord will keep.

**Lesson Hymn**

'Christ the Lord is risen to-day,'  
 Sons of men, and angels, say :  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high ;  
 Sing, ye heavens ; and, earth, reply. Amen.  
 —Hymn 59, Book of Praise

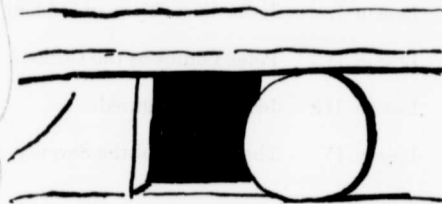
**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—100. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer?** Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye : Our Father which art in heaven." (See Matt. 6 : 9-13.) **101. What is this prayer commonly called?** This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

**SHORTER CATECHISM—27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?** A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross ; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

Look at this sepulchre with the stone rolled away ! From such a sepulchre Jesus came forth. And the time is coming, when



the graves of all His followers will be opened, and they will come forth to a life that has no end.

**I Have Learned Today**  
 TO BE FEARLESS OF DEATH

Lesson XIII.

**REVIEW**

June 26, 1904

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.—Phil. 2 : 9.

**PRIMARY CATECHISM**—**Review Questions 16-27.**

**SHORTER CATECHISM**—**Review Questions 81-101.**

**Lesson Hymn**

Golden harps are sounding,  
Angel voices ring,  
Pearly gates are opened,  
Opened for the King.  
Christ, the King of glory,  
Jesus, King of love,  
Is gone up in triumph  
To His throne above.

*All His work is ended,  
Joyfully we sing ;  
Jesus hath ascended !  
Glory to our King. Amen.*

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

**To Praise Jesus as God's Son**

	<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Golden Text</b>
Lesson I.	Jesus Visits Tyre and Sidon.	Without faith it is impossible to please him.—Heb. 11 : 6.
Lesson II.	Peter Confesses the Christ.	Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16 : 16.
Lesson III.	Jesus Transfigured.	A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Mark 9 : 7.
Lesson IV.	The Mission of the Seventy.	Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.—Luke 10 : 2.
Lesson V.	Prayer and Promise.	Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find.—Luke 11 : 9.
Lesson VI.	Watchfulness.	Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching.—Luke 12 : 37.
Lesson VII.	The Prodigal Son.	Come, and let us return unto the Lord.—Hosea 6 : 1.
Lesson VIII.	Jesus Teaches Humility.	For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.—Mark 10 : 45.
Lesson IX.	The Passover.	For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.—1 Cor. 5 : 7.
Lesson X.	Christ's Trial Before Pilate.	Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.—Luke 23 : 4.
Lesson XI.	Christ Crucified.	Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15 : 3.
Lesson XII.	Christ Risen.	Now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.



**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

<p>LESSON I. Jesus Visits Tyre and Sidon.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Prodigal Son.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Peter Confesses the Christ.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Jesus Teaches Humility.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Jesus Transfigured.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Passover.</p>
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<p>LESSON VI. Watchfulness.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Christ Risen.</p>

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