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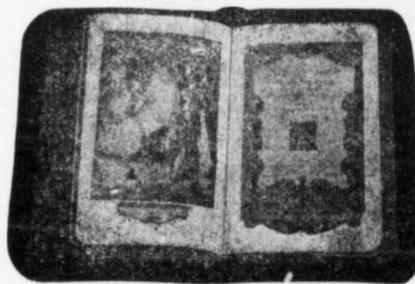
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January

I'm little January ;
Perhaps you do not know
How far I've come to see you
Across the fields of snow.

I've lots of little sisters,
A little brother, too,
And every one is coming'
To make a call on you.

But I got ready quickly,
And came right straight off here,
To be the first to greet you,
This happy, bright New Year.

—Child's Hour

When the Little One is Afraid

By Rae Furlands

Of what? Dogs, cows, the dark, thunder?
Of anything. How shall he be dealt with?
Unless he is helped to overcome his fear,
life, for some years, will go hard with him.

One thing to avoid is ridicule. A child
cannot be laughed out of his fears. He may
keep them to himself, but if he does he will
suffer more.

One way to overcome fear is not to say
much, nor indeed anything, about it but try to
produce an opposite feeling. For example,
if the little one is afraid of a dog, give him
one to pet. He will probably learn to love
that one, and, for its sake, have some regard
for other dogs.

A little girl who was desperately afraid of
earth worms, was taught to overcome her
repugnance of them by feeding them. She
and her mother watched them come out of

the ground and placed a flake or two of rolled
wheat near by. This was quickly found and
drawn into the hole by the worm, and the
child's interest became so intense that she
forgot her fears.

By exercising thought, something to excite
childish wonder may be found in almost any
live thing, and, as interest increases, fear will
decrease.

A two year old baby shuddered in her sleep
at the distant sound of a train, so fearful of
engines was she. Of street cars she had no
fears. One day her aunt explained to her
how the street cars kept on their tracks. She
could appreciate this. Then they went to
the railway tracks, when they were clear, and
the child was told that the trains kept right
on these,—they never came on the street.
Would it not be delightful if one should come
along now and bring uncle home? Poor
uncle could not come home if the train did
not run on its tracks from the place where
he was, to here. This was to her, a new
aspect of trains, and, before the day was
over, she was willing to go and see one pass.
Soon, instead of being a terror, trains were a
delight, so long as she was at a safe distance
from the tracks. Her aunt was careful to
teach her that she must not go on the trains'
"sidewalks" any more than the trains would
come on ours.

With regard to thunder, older people must
be careful to show no fear before the child.
Usually fear is produced in the first place by
example. Tell the children something of
what causes it, and, as a rule, though they
may be awed, they will not be afraid.

Perhaps the most common source of fear
amongst children is darkness. With the

normal child this should not be, and would not, if things not proper to childhood were neither seen nor heard. Frequently, people not only thoughtlessly say and do in the child's presence, that which should be left unsaid and undone, but actually say and do these things purposely.

To help overcome this fear, talk gently with the child about God's kindness in sending the soft dark, that flowers, birds, animals, children and big people may rest and sleep after the work and play of the day. Just do this in a natural way without mentioning his fear.

If things look grotesque to the little one in the faint light, grasp him firmly by the hand, that he may feel your protecting care and go with him to examine them, so that he may feel that each is really some familiar object that is there in the day time just the same. Make a little game of it calling it, "Going for a walk in the dark," or something of that kind.

One child after several games of this fashion suggested that each take a walk alone. Her own first journey was a run of very few moments' duration, but it was a large and important thing in her development.

Tell the story of Jacob's dream, emphasizing the fact of God's presence with him, though at first Jacob did not realize it.

Teach the children that the day is God's and the night also is his; and, in their prayers, let them learn gradually really to thank God for the night as well as the day.

A Game with Auntie

Auntie had been playing with her little niece in the garden. Oh, what fun they had! Little May had a ball, and Auntie had been hiding it. How May hunted amongst the shrubs to try and find it!

After a little while she came near Auntie, who was sitting in a chair. Auntie said, "Now you are hot! You are nearly burning your feet!" Then May stooped down and just lifted Auntie's skirt off the ground, and there lay the ball; then they had a good game with it, until little May felt tired and Auntie took her on her lap.

May said, "Auntie dear, please tell me a story!" Auntie said, "Well, May, I have

been thinking about that word 'seeking.' Can you tell me what it means?" "Yes, Auntie, it means looking for." "That is right, May," said Auntie, "and now I want you to learn this text, 'I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.'"

It is the dear Lord Jesus that puts into our hearts a desire to seek him; so we may be quite sure that we shall find him if we are in earnest.

Jesus, Lord, I come to thee,

Thou hast said I may;

Tell me what my life should be,

Take my sins away!

—Sarah Brine

Cuddle Time

As the evening shadows gather,
Then 'tis cuddle time, I know,
When my baby, dressed for Dreamland,
Comes a-romping to me so;
Comes and begs of me to hold him
On my knees and "rock-a-by,"
As the purpling sun sinks lower
In the gleaming western sky.

And he cuddles to me nearer,
As the firelight softly glows,
And across the dusky portals
Ghostly flickering shadows throws;
And two dimpled arms about me
Are clasped tighter for a kiss—
Ah, was richer, rarer necklace
Placed about one's neck than this?

"What Next?"

AN ARTICLE FOR THE MOTHERS

"What shall I do next?" Children are dynamic, perpetually active. They grow in the direction toward which their activities are turned. Repression is impossible. We must either find the best things for them to do, or else let them chance on things good or bad. The following outline for Sunday afternoon may help to answer the "what next."

1. Begin to make "The Family Book."
2. Give a "festival name" to the day, and take an excursion in honor of the one for whom the day is named.

3. Organize an exploring party to discover peoples and scenes of long, long ago.

4. Get acquainted with some beautiful home thoughts.

5. Enjoy an evening hour of song and praise.

To start "The Family Book," mother or father raises the question at dinner: "What was the best Sunday of all last year, and why was it the best?" Every one, from the oldest down to the least, should have a chance to tell.

That question will start another: What is the very best thing we can remember about the year past? Let every one take a pencil and paper and in just ten minutes decide on and write down the one thing best worth remembering. We fold the papers, and keep them till the evening meal. We will open them then and talk it all over. Afterwards we are going to copy the answers into a new book.

This new book is to be called "The Family Book," and we expect to put into it all the pleasant things we wish to record about our home and family. Any blank book with ruled lines will do.

Now, we have been sitting, talking and writing as long as the children will care to be still. Suppose we all go outdoors together, every one of us.

But even after the walk it will not be long before the little ones are asking, "What can we do next?" So we organize the exploring party. Our object is to discover the countries, scenes, strange peoples and most interesting persons we have heard of in the Bible. We are to find them in the advertising sections of old magazines. Let each one take a magazine and go through it, looking for Oriental scenes, for pictures of incidents and of men and women that will remind him of Bible scenes and characters.

"Home, sweet home," is just a corner of the afternoon saved for the discovery and reading of selections that are worth keeping in our memories and are also likely to help us hold our homes in some measure of the love and reverence they deserve. There are songs of home that ought never to be forgotten.

Children love religious reading and songs, provided they are offered for their worth and

not as an exercise, or to be learned as an empty duty. Take down your Bible and read Psalm 100, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands;" see whether they do not all enjoy the music and majesty of those lines. You will not find it difficult to secure their cooperation in learning that by heart.

Then close the day with an hour of song. The children will remember songs learned thus all their lives; therefore, those worth remembering should be chosen.—Adapted from Dr. Henry F. Cope

For Jesus' Sake

"O mother, dearie, hurry, we won't catch our train! We won't catch our train! Billy and Fan 'll cry—don't you 'spose they will, mother? And Bert and I'll cry—and I 'spect little cousin baby Madge 'll cry, and—hurry, mother."

"Oh, do be quiet, Nannie; mother can't think because you are talking so much. Now, do be still a moment, and let me see if I have everything we need—yes, I think so. Now, here we go!"

So out and into the trolley car, out into the the train, while the bare trees and snowy fields whizzed by, and Bert and Nan chattered to their heart's content.

What a lovely time they had all morning, playing indoors. After lunch Aunt Nell put baby in her little sleigh and off they started to ride her. And then there came near being trouble. For Nan wanted to push the little sleigh, it was so new and lovely to have a dear little cousin baby, and she did look so sweet and cunning, and oh! she was company, and she ought to do it just that one day—."

But Fan wanted to do it herself. Madge was her dearie ownie little sister, and the more Nan admired her the more wonderful and precious she seemed! Besides—suppose Nan should upset her and hurt her. Oh, dear! Fan just felt she *must* push the sleigh herself.

The boys didn't care a bit. They just wanted to run and tumble and snowball, and Madge and the sleigh didn't count at all.

Suddenly Fan's little heart gave a great bound. There was her dear teacher going along the path. And Fan had promised on

Sunday, holding up her right hand as far as she could stretch it, that she would be kind for Jesus' sake all week.

"You push Madgie," she said, smiling at Nan. And, "You take hold, too, and let's both push," smiled Nan, and then two such happy little girls as they were all the rest of the bright February day.

The Story of Golden Pearl

By Mrs. J. R. Menzies

In the home of a Chinese official in Shansi, lived his little daughter, a wee girl, of about eight years of age, called Chin Yu, or Golden Pearl. Although her father was a ruler, and had plenty of money, and she was attended by servants, yet this little girl was not very happy. Her feet had been bound, and each day the binding cloth was undone, drawn a little tighter, and bound up again. This operation gave her great pain, and Golden Pearl might lie on the bed and cry as long as she liked, for she had no school to go to, nor lessons to learn: she was only a little Chinese girl. After a while the pain would stop some, and she might feel like playing.

Instead of growing strong and rosy, she seemed to grow weak and pale and complained of pain in her knee, until at last she could not walk. Their Chinese doctor could not help her, and she got worse and worse. Then one day her father suggested that she be sent away to the hospital and see what the foreign doctor could do for her.

This meant a long journey over the mountains to Honan, for the nearest hospital was the mission hospital at Hwaiking. They would have to travel at least two days, and stay all night in an inn. They had no train to take them, and as the mountain road was too steep and narrow for the Chinese cart, they had to go in chairs each carried by two men.

Little Golden Pearl was glad to have a change, and see things, and would have been quite happy but she had to say good-by to father and mother, and go away with her nurse who was to look after her. So it was a sad and sick little girl who arrived at our hospital.

The doctor treated her every day, and soon

the pain was not so bad. She became interested in her new surroundings, and her new friends, but sometimes she would get very lonely and homesick, for she had to stay many weeks. She gladly learned to read, for at home no one had bothered to teach a little girl, and now each day some time was spent studying the catechism, or learning by heart hymns out of the hymn book.

The doctor's little girl liked to visit her, and take her flowers from the garden, and some of her picture books to let her see. But these did not amuse her all the time, and she could not run around and play like other little girls, so one day a real English dolly was given her by this little friend.

The dolly was precious to the giver, and she was very much concerned about how the baby's new mother would take care of it. She had not long to wait, for as soon as it was taken out of the long box, Golden Pearl, sick little girl as she was, threw out both arms, and the first thing she did was to hold it tight to her breast. Her smile of delight showed how pleased she was, then suddenly a change came over her face and she asked, "Will this be mine always, or just while I am here?" When she heard that she might take it home with her and care for it always, she seemed perfectly happy and content.

Now although this little English dolly had plenty of nice clothes, none of them were like the new mama's, so Golden Pearl had to get some bits of cloth, and needle and thread, and, with her nurse's help, the baby had to be dressed proper fashion in Chinese clothes.

Golden Pearl showed her love for dolly by caring for her, and, during the weeks she lived in hospital, she herself had learned of Jesus and his love and care for her and all little children.

Hwaikingfu, Honan, China

All the Children

And the world is full of children,

O so many and so fair!

Like the sunbeams as they sparkle on the sea;

But there's room for all the children

In the Father's tender care,

And there's room in his heart for me.

—Rev. Charles Irvin Junkin

Lesson I. JESUS THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF MEN January 7, 1917

John 1:1-14. Study John 1:1-18. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121:1.

Golden Text—In him was life ; and the life was the light of men.—John 1 : 4.

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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him ; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life ; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness ; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name :

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,

but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Four of Jesus' friends have each told us many beautiful stories about him. It is John, a disciple whom Jesus loved very much, who is telling us about him in our story to-day.

John tells us that Jesus lived with God before the world or anything in it was made. It was Jesus who made this big, round world, and made the sun and the moon and the stars. He made all kinds of trees and flowers and grass, and all sorts of birds and animals and fishes and insects. He gives life to all the people who live in this beautiful world. Jesus made everything that ever was made.

Our Golden Text says: "In him was life ; and the life was the light of men." This

means that he puts light into the hearts of men to show them how to live aright.

Long, long ago, God promised to send Jesus into the world, and at last the time came for him to send Jesus to show what God is like and to tell them how to become God's children again.

When Jesus came into the world he lived amongst the Jews. God had been very good to these people. He had chosen them to be just as if they were his own family. He had taught them his laws, and taught them to pray to him, and taken special care of them. He had been trailing the Jews for many, many years, and now he sent Jesus to be their Saviour and their king. He meant that they

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should tell the other people in the world about him.

Our Christmas story told us how God sent Jesus, a little baby, into one of the families of the Jews. Mary and Joseph were the mother and father who took care of him, and all the time he was growing up, God was getting him ready for his great work.

Just a little while before God sent Jesus, he sent another baby into another home. This baby's name was John. He was afterwards called John the Baptist. When John became a man, God sent him out amongst the people to tell them that Jesus was coming and they must get ready to receive him.

Now the way in which the people were to get ready for the coming of Jesus, was by putting away from themselves all sin. And as a sign that they had done this John baptized them with water.

But the sad thing was, that his own people, the Jews, would not believe that Jesus was really the one whom God had promised to send. They were looking for a king to come in great power and glory, and they would have nothing to do with this gentle Jesus, who went about doing good.

There were some, however, who did love and trust Jesus. And for these he did such a wonderful thing. He made them to become the dear children of his heavenly Father, and showed them how loving and kind and good God is. And the better these friends knew him, the more they loved and trusted him with all their hearts.

Questions on the Lesson

1. From whose story about Jesus is our lesson taken?
2. Where did Jesus live at first?
3. What was made by him?
4. What did God long, long ago promise to do?
5. To what people had God been very good?
6. Why did he send Jesus to them?
7. What do we call Jesus' birthday?
8. Who were his father and mother?
9. What other baby was born a little while before Jesus?
10. What did John do for Jesus?
11. How did Jesus' own people treat him?
12. What did Jesus do for those who loved and trusted him?
13. What did he show them about God?
14. What is our Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus! name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above!
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 32, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. Who made you? God made me. 2. Who is God? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a father is God? God is a good and loving Father.

The Question on Missions

(January, OUR MISSION HOSPITAL AT HWAUKING, HONAN, CHINA.)—1. What do the workers in our mission hospitals in China do? They try to do what Jesus did when he was on earth,—to heal the sick, to give the blind their sight, to make the lame to walk, and to tell every one that God loves them.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We often need a lantern on a dark night, to show us the way. Much more do we need Jesus to guide us in all we say and do. And,



because he is a safe and wise guide for all men, he is called the Light of the World. Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS WILL COME INTO MY HEART

Lesson II. • JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS January 14, 1917

John 1 : 19, 23-34. Study John 1 : 19-34. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 2.

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

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and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not : but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a man was standing at the edge of a river in the land where Jesus lived. The bank sloped to that water's edge, and the trees dipped their branches into the stream. It was a narrow part of the river, and the water was not deep. He was clothed in a long, loose coat made of the coarse, shaggy hair of the camel. Around his waist he wore a belt or girdle made of the skin of some animal. This man was John the Baptist. In our lesson last Sunday we learned something about him.

Crowds of people were gathered around him as he preached and cried out to them : "Repent," "Repent" (that means be sorry for,

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Le'vites from Jeru'salem to ask him, Who art thou ?

23 He said, I *am* the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esai'as.

24 And they which were sent were of the Phar'isees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Eli'as, neither that prophet ?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not ;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethab'ara beyond Jor'dan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Je'sus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me : for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not : but that he should be made manifest to Is'rael, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,

and turn away from, your sins), "for Jesus is coming." Now he is taking some of the people down into the river. He is baptizing those who are sorry for their sins. This is a sign to them that their sins are washed away.

The Jews sent some priests from the temple at Jerusalem to ask John who he was, and what right he had to baptize people with water. There they stand near John, dressed in their long robes. They had heard some people say that this John the Baptist was really Jesus himself. Others said that he was Elijah, or one of the prophets. John said, "No, I am not any of them. A far greater one than I is coming. I am a mes-

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senger sent to tell people to get ready for the coming of this great one."

John's work was to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He had to clear away their old thoughts about God's laws, and tell them of God's new way of taking away their sins through Jesus, the great one from heaven.

The next day, when John was again baptizing in the river Jordan, he saw Jesus coming towards him. John pointed to him and said the words of our Golden Text: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"

When Jesus is called the lamb of God, it is meant that he is pure and gentle, and that it is because he died that our sins can be forgiven and we can have our hearts changed so that we shall be like him in all things.

The people said, "How do you know that this is Jesus?" John told them that one day Jesus came to him and asked to be baptized, for Jesus always did what he wished his followers to do. John had baptized him, and, when Jesus was coming up out of the water, John saw a pure white dove coming down from heaven and resting upon Jesus, and God told John that the one upon whom the dove rested was the one who would baptize people with the Holy Spirit. This was Jesus who came down from heaven.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Tell what John the Baptist looked like.
2. What did he tell the people to do?
3. What did he do for those who were sorry

for their sins? 4. Of what was the baptism a sign? 5. Who came from Jerusalem to question John? 6. Who did some think John was? 7. Who came to John while he was baptizing the people? 8. What did John say about Jesus? 9. How did John know who Jesus was? 10. With what was Jesus to baptize? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS WILL TAKE AWAY MY SIN

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—4. Can you see God? No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me. 5. Why can you not see God? Because God is a Spirit, and has not a body as we have.

The Question on Missions

2. What is the Hwaiking Hospital like? It consists of a group of buildings or wards, where the sick people live when being treated. It is divided into two parts, one for men, and one for women and children. There is also a dispensary, an operating room and two chapels or waiting rooms, one for the men, and one for the women and children.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson for to-day teaches us that we should follow Jesus, our loving Saviour. Color the picture.



Lesson III. **FIRST DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS** January 21, 1917

John 1 : 35-49. Study John 1 : 35-51. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 3.

Golden Text—Jesus saith unto him, Follow me.—John 1 : 43 (Rev. Ver.).

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35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples ;

36 And looking upon Je'sus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God !

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Je'sus.

38 Then Je'sus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye ? They said unto him, Rab'bi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou ?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day : for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Si'mon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messi'as, which is, being interpreted, the Christ

42 And he brought him to Je'sus. And when Je'sus beheld him, he said, Thou art Si'mon the son of Jo'na : thou shalt be called Ce'phas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 The day following Je'sus would go forth into Gal'ilee, and findeth Phil'ip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Phil'ip was of Bethsa'ida, the city

of An'drew and Pe'ter.

45 Phil'ip findeth Nathan'ael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Mo'ses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Je'sus of Naz'areth, the son of Jo'seph.

46 And Nathan'ael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Naz'areth ? Phil'ip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Je'sus saw Nathan'ael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Is'raelite indeed, in whom is no guile !

48 Nathan'ael said unto him, Whence knowest thou me ? Je'sus answered and said unto him, Before that Phil'ip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathan'ael answered and saith unto him, Rab'bi, thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Is'rael.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Some of those to whom John the Baptist preached, became his followers or disciples. Amongst these were, one day, two fishermen who had left their home beside the Sea of Galilee. They had heard of the strange teacher who was telling the people that the great one whom God had promised to send, was now coming. He was telling them how to get ready for him, and was baptizing them in the Jordan River. "Let us go down to the Jordan River and see and hear for ourselves,"

said these two fishermen. So away they went.

When they reached the place, they found a great crowd listening to John. They listened, too, and believed all that John said about Jesus, and were themselves baptized. Our last story told us how John saw Jesus coming towards him, and how he pointed to him and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Next day, while John was standing talking

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to these two followers, suddenly he stopped speaking. "See!" he cried, "there is Jesus!" The two disciples turned and looked at Jesus as he passed. Then they both started after him. Jesus knew that they were following him. He turned and looked at them. "What seek ye?" he asked in a very kindly way. They said, "Teacher, where do you live?" Jesus said, "Come and see." They went with him, and stayed all day listening to him and learning to love him very dearly. The name of one fisherman was Andrew, and the other was John. They were Jesus' very first disciples. Andrew hurried home and told his brother Simon that they had found Jesus, and said, "Come and see him," and he brought him to Jesus. Jesus received him very kindly, and said his name should now be called Peter, which means a rock. John also brought his brother James to Jesus.

Next day Jesus started back to Galilee, where his own home was. On the way, he met a man named Philip, whom he called to be one of his friends. "Follow me," Jesus said to Philip. This is our Golden Text, which we should all obey. Soon Philip met a friend whose name was Nathanael. "We have found the one of whom Moses and the prophets wrote,—Jesus of Nazareth," said Philip. "Come and see him," and he brought him to Jesus. Jesus knew that Nathanael was a good man, and would make a true friend. Nathanael said to Jesus: "Master, thou art the one come from heaven; thou art the king of Israel," and he, too, followed him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What men became followers of John the Baptist?
2. Where was their home?
3. What had they heard?
4. While John the Baptist was talking to them who passed by?
5. What did John say?
6. What did the two fishermen do?
7. What did Jesus ask them?
8. What did they reply?
9. Where did they go with Jesus?
10. What were the names of these first two disciples?
11. Whom did Andrew bring to Jesus?
12. What did Jesus say to Simon?
13. Whom did John bring?
14. When Jesus was on his way to Galilee, whom did he find and call to be a disciple?
15. What friend did Philip

bring to Jesus? 16. What did Nathanael say to Jesus? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,
Send the blessed tidings all the world around!
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,

"Whosoever will" may come!

"Whosoever will! whosoever will!"

Send the proclamation over vale and hill;

'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home:

"Whosoever will" may come! Amen.

—Hymn 457, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. Where is God? God is everywhere. 7. What does God know? God knows all things. 8. What does God know about you? God knows everything I think, say, or do.

The Question on Missions

3. What are the wards like? They are Chinese buildings, one story high, built of brick. The floors are of brick and the walls are whitewashed. The beds are either brick platforms or are made of wood, without mattresses. A large ward holds ten beds, and a small ward one or two beds.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson tells of a man who got an invitation to "come and see" Jesus. How glad he must have been, all his life afterwards, that he accepted this invitation! Now,

Come and see

every one of us is asked to come to Jesus, and see him, not with the eyes of our body, but of our heart. And Jesus wants us to pass on the invitation to others, so that all may come to him. Copy the text.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD FOLLOW JESUS

Lesson IV.

REVERENCE OF JESUS FOR HIS
FATHER'S HOUSE

January 28, 1917

John 2 : 13-22. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 121 : 1-3.

Golden Text—My house shall be called a house of prayer.—Matthew 21 : 13 (Rev. Ver.).

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13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Je'sus went up to Jeru'salem,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting :

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen ; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables ;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence ; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things ?

19 Je'sus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days ?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them ; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Je'sus had said.

THE LESSON RETOLD

You remember that the Jews long ago worshiped God in quite a different way from the way in which we worship him now.

When the Jews were sorry for their sins, or thankful to God for his gifts, they went to the temple, as their great, beautiful church at Jerusalem was called, and they took with them an ox or a sheep or a pair of doves, and gave these to the priest to offer to God. The priest killed the ox or sheep or doves and laid part of the body on an altar on which a fire was burning. As the body burned, the people prayed, and this was the way they said "I am sorry," or "Thank you," to God.

Once every year the Jews had a great thanksgiving to God for bringing them safely out of a land where a cruel king had been unkind to them. They called this feast the Passover.

Hundreds and hundreds came from all over the world. Many of the people came from a long way off, and could not bring an ox or a sheep or doves with them, so they had to buy them when they came to Jerusalem. Now the men who had them for sale did a very wrong thing. They took the animals right into the court or enclosure round the temple and sold them there. What a noise there was ! How could anybody pray and worship in such a noise !

And there were the moneychangers. People came bringing different kinds of money. Each one had to put a bit of money into the big collection box, but it must all be the same kind of money. So everybody had to get money changed into the temple money.

One day in the midst of it all, who should come in but Jesus himself ! Oh, how angry

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he was when he saw them buying and selling and money-changing in God's house! He made a whip of small cords and drove the animals and the buyers and sellers and moneychangers all out of the temple. He upset the tables of the moneychangers and emptied their money bags on to the marble floor.

"You must not do these things in my Father's house," he said. Our Golden Text says: "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

The Jews were very angry. "What right have you to send all these men away? What sign will you show us so that we may know if you really are the great one that God promised to send?"

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." This made the Jews more angry. "It has taken us forty-six years to build it up, and you say you will raise it up in three days. What nonsense!" they cried.

But Jesus was speaking about his body. He did rise from the dead on the third day, as you know, and then his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scriptures and everything that Jesus had said.

Our Lesson teaches us that the church, which is God's house, is a holy place and that, when we go into it, we should be reverent in our manner and should seek to have our minds and hearts filled with the right kind of thoughts and feelings.

Question on the Lessons

1. Tell about Jews' way of worshipping God.
2. What was the Passover feast?
3. What must the people provide themselves with?
4. Where were animals to be sold?
5. What did the moneychangers do?
6. Who appeared in the temple one day in the midst of it all?
7. How did Jesus treat those who bought and sold in the temple?
8. What did he do to the moneychangers?
9. What did he say about the temple?
10. What did the Jews ask Jesus?
11. What did Jesus say about destroying the temple?
12. What did he mean?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O happy souls that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise Thee still;
And happy they
That love the way
To Zion's hill. Amen.
—Hymn 387, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What can God do? God can do all that he wishes to do.

The Question on Missions

4. How is the gospel taught to the hospital patients? All the patients,—and their friends who are with them—hear the gospel preached in the chapel while waiting for treatment. In the wards, also, they are daily taught the Gospels and the catechism. Lantern views are shown, and they are taught to sing hymns and to pray.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

How strange it seems to think of Jesus being angry! But there is one thing with which he is always angry, and that is sin. We



should be so careful to put sin far away from us, since it is so displeasing to the loving Jesus. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD'S HOUSE IS HOLY

Lesson V. **JESUS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD** February 4, 1917

John 3 : 5-17. Study John 3 : 1-21. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 4.

Golden Text—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).

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not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world ; but that the world through him might be saved.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was very hot in the country where Jesus lived. When people wanted a nice place to sit or lie and rest, where they could get a cooling breeze, they often went up on the flat house roof. They got up by a stairway from the outside of the house.

One night, soon after Jesus had driven the buyers and sellers and moneychangers out of the temple, he was sitting on a housetop.

A visitor came up the stairway. It was Nicodemus, a great man, who was a ruler among the Jews. He came to have a quiet talk with Jesus about God's kingdom. "Master," he said, "we know you are a teacher come from God, for no man can

5 Je'sus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh ; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth : so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be ?

10 Je'sus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Is'rael, and knowest not these things ?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen ; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things ?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Mo'ses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up :

15 That whosoever believeth in him should

do the wonderful things you do unless God be with him."

Jesus told Nicodemus that there is only one way to get into God's kingdom : sins must be forgiven and washed away, and God's Holy Spirit must come into people's hearts, before they can belong to God's kingdom. Jesus said we cannot see the Holy Spirit any more than we can see the wind. Did you ever see the wind ? No, but you have heard the sound of it, and have seen what it does. God's Holy Spirit moves about unseen, and enters into the hearts of those who are sorry they are bad, and changes them so they

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are not bad any more, but are like new people, just as if they were born again.

Another thing that Jesus explained to Nicodemus was the Old Testament story about how God's people had been bitten by serpents while they were journeying from that land of Egypt across the wilderness to the promised land of Canaan.

God told Moses, their leader, to make a serpent of brass and put it up on a high pole and carry it around amongst the people, and all who looked up at the serpent should be at once cured of the serpent's bite. So Jesus must be lifted up upon the cross, and all who look up to him will be saved from sin.

Our Golden Text tells us, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus did not come to bring punishment upon people for their sins. He came so that everybody in the world might know him and believe in him, and be saved from sin and live in heaven forever.

How very, very glad we should be that we have heard the message that Jesus loves, and how ready we should be to help our missionaries who are telling this message in all parts of the world.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus sitting in our lesson?
2. Who came to have a talk with him?
3. What did they talk about?
4. How can we get into God's kingdom?
5. Who gives us this new life?
6. Can we see the Holy Spirit?
7. How do we know when he has changed any one's heart?
8. What Old

Testament story did Jesus explain to Nicodemus? 9. On what was Jesus to be lifted up? 10. What must we do to be saved from sin? 11. How much does God love the world? 12. Why did Jesus come to the world? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I've found a Friend ; O, such a Friend !
 He bled, He died to save me ;
 And not alone the gift of life,
 But His own self He gave me,
 Nought that I have my own I call,
 I hold it for the Giver ;
 My heart, my strength, my life, my all,
 Are His, and His forever. Amen.

—Hymn 80, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD LOVES EVERYBODY

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
 11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

The Question on Missions

(February, OUR MISSION HOSPITAL AT TAIPEH, Japanese, Taihoku, FORMOSA, JAPAN.)—5. Describe a ward in the MacKay Memorial Hospital at Taipeh, Formosa. The wards, because of the heat, are built with high ceilings, many windows and doors opening on verandas, and have wire netting all round to keep out flies and mosquitos. There are 12 beds in a ward, 6 on each side.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here are some of the most wonderful words (*color*) in the whole Bible. Only the most beautiful colors are good enough to be used for these precious words.

66 "GOD SO LOVED
 THE WORLD" 99

Lesson VI. **JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA** February 11, 1917

John 4 : 5-14, 24-26. Study John 4 : 1-29. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 5.

Golden Text—Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy 1 : 15.

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5 Then cometh he to a city of Samar'ia, which is called Sy'char, near to the parcel of ground that Ja'cob gave to his son Jo'seph.

6 Now Ja'cob's well was there. Je'sus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well : *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samar'ia to draw water : Je'sus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samar'ia unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samar'ia ? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samar'itans.

10 Je'sus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink ; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep : from whence then hast thou that living water ?

12 Art thou greater than our father Ja'cob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle ?

13 Je'sus answered and said unto her,

Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again :

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

24 God is a Spirit : and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ : when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Je'sus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was walking through the country with his disciples. They were getting near to a city. They could see the houses in the distance. They were very glad to see the houses for they were hungry and tired. They came to a well full of nice, clear water. There was a low stone wall around it, and steps going down to the water. Any day you might have seen a lot of women coming out of the city carrying water jugs on their heads. They were coming to get the nice cold water to carry home to drink, for water was very scarce in that hot country.

Jesus sat down at the side of the well to

rest. The disciples said, "We shall go into the city and get some food for us all," and they went on their way.

Presently a woman came to the well, carrying her water jug on her head. When she came near, Jesus said, "Give me a drink of water." The woman looked at Jesus and knew that he was a Jew. "How is it that you ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria, for the Jews have nothing to do with us?" she said. Jesus told her if she knew the great gift he had for her, and who he was, she would have asked and he should have given her living water.

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The woman just stared at him. She did not know what he meant. "Sir," she said, "you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who built this well?"

Jesus said, "You will be thirsty again after drinking this water, but if you drink the water that I shall give, you will never be thirsty, and it will give you everlasting life."

Jesus knew all about this poor sinful woman. He knew that she needed the Holy Spirit to make her life pure and good, but the woman was more and more puzzled, so she said, "I know that a great one is coming, who is called Christ; when he comes he will tell us all things."

Jesus looked at her and said, "I am he." Just think how surprised the woman was! She was ready to listen to Jesus, and he was so glad of the chance to talk to her and tell her how to be good. Our Golden Text tells us that is why Jesus came,—“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

Just then the disciples came back with food. The woman ran back toward the city and told what had happened to everybody she met. They all hurried out to the well to see for themselves. Jesus talked to them, and many believed him, and became his followers.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where do we see Jesus when our story begins?
2. Where did he sit down to rest?
3. Where did the disciples go?
4. What can you tell about this well?
5. Who came there to get water?
6. What did Jesus ask the woman of Samaria?
7. What did Jesus tell her he could give her?
8. What did Jesus wish to do for this poor sinful woman?
9. What did the woman say to Jesus then?
10. Who did she say would be able to tell them all things?
11. What did Jesus say to her then?
12. Where did the woman go?
13. Whom did she tell about Jesus?
14. What did the people of the city do?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give

The living water; thirsty one,
 Stoop down, and drink, and live!"
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him. Amen.

—Hymn 138, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—12. Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit different Gods? No. These three persons are one God.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about the outdoor dispensary at the hospital. Every forenoon, in the main building of the hospital, a missionary doctor, with three Chinese assistants, attends to sick people who come from outside the hospital. Before the doctor begins his work, a half-hour service is held, and while the patients are waiting their turn, Christian workers tell them about Jesus and give them good books.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

How gladly we would give Jesus a drink of clear, cold water, if he were to come and ask it of us! But he does ask us to carry the



message of his love to the great crowds in heathen lands who have not yet heard it. Could any one find a more joyful task? Color the picture.

I Have Learned Today That

JESUS HELPS PEOPLE TO BE GOOD

Lesson VII.

JESUS HEALS A NOBLEMAN'S SON February 18, 1917

John 4 : 43-54. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 6.

Golden Text—As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.—Matthew 8 : 13.

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unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Je'sus said unto him, Thy son liveth : and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle that Je'sus did, when he was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus was on earth, he talked with, and helped, all sorts of people, rich and poor, good and bad. Our last lesson told us about Jesus talking to a poor sinful woman, who came to draw water from a well where Jesus was resting.

Now we hear about his talking to a rich nobleman, who lived in a place called Cana, in Galilee, not very far from Nazareth where Jesus had been brought up.

A little while before this, Jesus had been invited to a wedding in that village. While the wedding feast was going on, they found they had not enough wine for the people to drink. Jesus was always ready to help people out of any kind of trouble, so he

43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Gal'ilee.

44 For Je'sus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Gal'ilee, the Galilæ'ans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jeru'salem at the feast : for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Je'sus came again into Ca'na of Gal'ilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Caper'naum.

47 When he heard that Je'sus was come out of Judæ'a into Gal'ilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son : for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Je'sus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman said unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Je'sus saith unto him, Go thy way ; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Je'sus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said

at once turned the water that was in the water bottles into very good wine, and everybody had enough. All the great people of the village had been at this wedding, and they were all astonished at this wonderful miracle which Jesus did.

Jesus was glad to get back to Galilee, and the people were glad to hear him preach, and they believed in him, for they had been down at the Passover feast at Jerusalem and had seen and heard all that he did there. When they returned to their own homes they told their neighbors of the wonderful things which had happened.

There was a sick boy in the home of one of the noblemen of Cana. He had heard how

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Jesus had cured many sick people everywhere he went. When he heard that Jesus had come back to Cana, he went to him and begged him to come to his home and heal his son, who was very sick and would surely die unless Jesus came quickly. Jesus did not at first promise to help him, but the nobleman was so sure that Jesus could cure his boy that he kept on asking him. When Jesus saw that the man really believed in his power to cure the lad, he said to the nobleman, "Go home to your boy. He is alive now and is getting well again." The nobleman believed what Jesus told him and he started for home at once, filled with joy at the thought that his son whom he loved so dearly would become quite well and strong again.

On the way he met his servants running to meet him. They told him that his son was alive and getting well. He asked them what time the lad began to get well, and when they told him, he found that he began to get well at the very moment that Jesus had said he would. This made the father sure that it was Jesus who had cured his son.

Don't you think that nobleman thanked Jesus for curing his son? Yes, indeed he did, and he and all his family became followers of Jesus.

Our Golden Text tells us why Jesus cured that nobleman's son,—“As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.” If we want Jesus to help us we must believe that he is able and willing to help us.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom was Jesus talking in our last story? 2. To whom is he talking in our story to-day? 3. In what place did the nobleman live? 4. Why had Jesus gone there before? 5. What miracle did he work at that time? 6. Who was sick in the nobleman's family? 7. What had the nobleman heard about Jesus? 8. What did he ask Jesus to do? 9. How did Jesus treat him at first? 10. What did Jesus at last say to the nobleman? 11. Whom did the nobleman meet on his way home? 12. What did they tell him? 13. When did the boy begin to get well? 14. How many of his family became followers of Jesus? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer:
O, hear the voice of Jesus.

*Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
"Jesus, blessed Jesus." Amen.*

—Hymn 544, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—13. What book tells us about God? The Bible tells us about God. 14. What more does the Bible teach us? The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live.

The Question on Missions

7. Are the Chinese grateful for healing? The Chinese patients often expect the doctor to tell them, as soon as he sees them, whether they will get better or not. If he promises to cure them and does so, they are very grateful. Many of them, when they go home, write a letter of thanks, and, perhaps, sent a present.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

How ready Jesus was to listen to the poor father's story, and how willing he was to heal

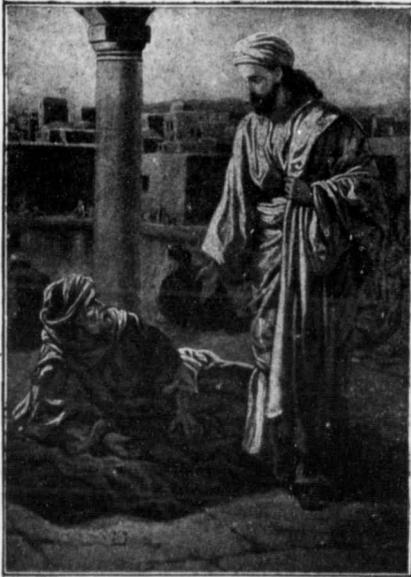


his sick son! And he is just as ready to hear us when we tell him our troubles, and just as willing to help us. Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS IS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Lesson VIII. JESUS AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA February 25, 1917

John 5 : 1-15. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 121 : 4-6.

Golden Text—It was Jesus, which has made him whole.—John 5 : 15.

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1 After this there was a feast of the Jews ; and Je'sus went up to Jeru'salem.

2 Now there is at Jeru'salem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the He'brew tongue Bethes'da, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water : whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Je'sus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole ?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool : but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Je'sus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked : and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day : it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk ?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was : for Je'sus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

14 Afterward Je'sus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole : sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Je'sus, which had made him whole.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had healed the nobleman's son, he went up to Jerusalem to worship at the temple, for it was one of the Jewish feasts.

One Sabbath day he was passing the pool of Bethesda. This name means the "house of mercy." There were five covered porches, and in these porches Jesus saw crowds of sick people. Some were lying on the floor, some were limping with crutches, some were blind. They were all waiting there to get down into the pool of water which was behind these porches. An angel caused the

water to bubble up every few minutes, and whoever first stepped into the pool after the bubbling of the water was cured of whatever disease he had.

As Jesus stood looking in pity upon the poor sick people, he noticed one poor man who was very helpless. He could not walk alone. There he sat, with no friend to give him a helping hand. Jesus knew that this man had been ill for a very long time. He went to where the poor man was lying, and said very kindly, "Do you want to be made

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well?" The poor man looked up at Jesus with tears in his eyes. "Sir, I have nobody to help me to get down into the water at the time the water is bubbling. How very disappointed the poor man must have been every time he tried to get down to the pool and failed to do so.

Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately the man was made perfectly well.

The beds in that country were just rugs on thin mattresses, so the man rolled up his rug and walked away carrying it under his arm. Imagine his astonishment! Everybody was staring at him. Ah, see! the Jews have stopped him on the street. "It is not lawful for you to carry your bed on the Sabbath day," they said. The man replied, "He who made me well told me to take up my bed and walk." "Who said that to you?" they asked. But the man did not know who it was, and by this time Jesus had gone away from the place where the sick ones were.

Not long afterwards, Jesus saw this man in the temple, and said to him, "You are made quite well again. Sin no more for fear a worse thing come upon you." The man went out of the temple and told the Jews what our Golden Text tells us: "It was Jesus, which had made him whole."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go after he cured the nobleman's son? 2. What was the Pool of Bethesda like? 3. For what were people waiting there? 4. Who came amongst them? 5. Whom did Jesus notice especially? 6. What did Jesus say to him? 7. What did the man reply? 8. What kind of beds did they use? 9. What did Jesus tell the man to do? 10. What happened then? 11. Who stopped him on the street? 12. What did the Jews say? 13. What did the man reply? 14. What other question did they ask? 15. Where next did Jesus see this man? 16. What did Jesus say to him? 17. What did the man tell the Jews? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,

Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

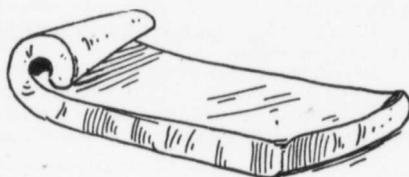
PRIMARY CATECHISM—15. Who wrote the Bible? Good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit. 16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God? All God's works teach us about Him.

The Question on Missions

8. Do many of the hospital patients become Christians? One man altogether blind came to the hospital and, after an operation, he was able to see objects held close to his eyes. He became a Christian, went to a school for the blind, where he learned to read with his fingers, and is now telling others about Jesus. There are many such cases.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Eastern beds are very different from ours. They are just long mats, which can be unrolled at night and rolled up again in the morning. Was it not wonderful that a word from Jesus so strengthened the man, who had



been helpless nearly forty years, that he was able to roll up and carry his own bed? And the blessed Jesus is just as able now to make us strong to do what he bids us. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL HELP ME

Lesson IX.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

March 4, 1917

John 6 : 1-14. Study John 6 : 1-21. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 7.

Golden Text—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matthew 6 : 11.

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1 After these things Je'sus went over the sea of Gal'ilee, which is *the sea of Tibe'rias*.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Je'sus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Je'sus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him; he saith unto Phil'ip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat ?

6 And this he said to prove him : for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Phil'ip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, An'drew, Si'mon Pe'ter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes : but what are they among so many ?

10 And Je'sus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Je'sus took the loaves ; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down ; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Je'sus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was sitting on a hillside with his disciples and a great number of people who had followed him. They could see the blue waters of the Sea of Galilee a little way off. It was quite in the country, far away from towns and villages and houses.

Jesus had many things he wanted to teach his disciples, and he wanted to be alone with them, but the crowd would follow him after they had seen all the wonderful cures he had made upon sick ones.

While he was talking, a great many people came along the road. These people were

going down to the Passover feast at Jerusalem, and they, too, stopped to listen.

There they sat all day, and they had nothing to eat. Jesus knew they must be hungry and in need of food. He looked at the crowd of people, then he turned to Philip, one of his disciples.

"Philip, where are we going to buy bread to give all these people something to eat?" he said. Jesus knew what he was going to do, but he wanted to hear what Philip would say.

Philip said, "It would take a great deal of money to buy bread for so many," and, be-

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sides this, there was no place near where they could buy bread.

Then Andrew said, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes, but they would not be much use among so many."

Jesus said, "Make the people all sit down." The disciples asked them all to sit down on the nice green grass, and such a crowd as there was! You cannot think how many. There were more than five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus told Andrew to bring the boy with the five barley loaves and two small fishes. The boy was very much pleased to give his little basket to Jesus.

Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks to God, as we should always do when we receive food. He gave the loaves to the disciples, and they carried them around amongst the people. Jesus did the same with the fishes, and kept on giving loaves and fishes till everybody had all they could eat. Then Jesus told the disciples to go around and gather up all that was left so that none of it would be wasted, and they gathered up twelve basketsful. When the people saw this wonderful miracle which Jesus did, they said, "Surely this is that great one whom God promised to send into the world."

Our Golden Text tells us how Jesus says we are to ask God to give us all we need: "Give us this day our daily bread;" and let us remember that everything we get is a gift from God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where do we see Jesus in our story to-day? 2. Who are with him? 3. What did Jesus see that they needed? 4. What did Jesus ask Philip? 5. What did Philip say? 6. What did Andrew tell Jesus? 7. How many people were seated? 8. What did Jesus do first when the lad gave the loaves and fishes to him? 9. What did he do with them? 10. How much did everybody have? 11. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do with what was left? 12. How much did the disciples gather up? 13. What did the people say? 14. Who sends us all our food? 15. How should we thank him? 16. What is our Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see! Amen.
—Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and the stars. 18. What do God's works tell us about him? God's works tell us of his wisdom, his power, and his love.

The Question on Missions

(March, OUR JEWISH DISPENSARY WORK IN CANADA.)—9. Who come to our Jewish Free Dispensaries? Poor Jewish people, many of whom cannot speak English, who are sick and cannot afford to pay for doctors and medicine. For these people our church has free dispensaries in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal, where they are attended to by doctors and nurses, and are given such medicines as they may need.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It must indeed have been a proud and happy boy whose basket of food was used to feed the five thousand. Proud and happy



we should be, too, that Jesus asks us to help in the work of carrying his blessed gospel to all the people in our own land, and to those in heathen lands. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS CAN USE ME TO HELP HIM

Lesson X.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

March 11, 1917

John 6 : 24-37. Study John 6 : 22-40. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 121 : 8.

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

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giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Je'sus said unto them, I am the bread of life : he that cometh to me shall never hunger ; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me ; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had fed the five thousand hungry people, he went quietly away by himself to a mountain top to pray, while his disciples went down to the shore and got into the little fishing boat and started across the water. A storm came on and tossed the little boat about, and the disciples were afraid, but the first thing they knew, there was Jesus coming towards them, walking upon the stormy sea ! At first they were afraid, but he said, "It is I, be not afraid," and they gladly received him into the ship, and they reached the shore in safety.

When the crowds found that Jesus and his disciples were gone, they got into boats and sailed across the water to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

"Rabbi (which means "teacher"), when did you come here?" they asked, for they knew he had not gone with the disciples in the boat. Jesus told them that they were seeking him because he had given them bread to eat when they were hungry. He told them he could give another kind of bread which would keep them alive forevermore. "How shall we get this bread?"

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they asked eagerly. "What can we do to please God so he will give us this gift?"

Jesus said, "All you have to do is to believe on the one whom God has sent to you."

Then they wanted to know how they could be sure that Jesus was really sent from God. "Long ago, Moses gave our fathers manna to eat, which came down from heaven. Can you do more than that?" they asked.

Jesus told them it was God who sent them the manna from heaven, and God now had sent them the true bread from heaven, for the bread of God is he which came down from heaven to give life to the world. Then they all cried, "Lord, evermore give us this bread."

Our Golden Text tells us what Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go after he had fed the five thousand people?
2. Where did the disciples go?
3. What happened to them?
4. How did Jesus go to them?
5. What did the crowds do?
6. What did they ask Jesus?
7. Why, did he say, had they followed him?
8. What did Jesus tell them he would give them?
9. What did they ask?
10. What did Jesus answer?
11. What did they want Jesus to do?
12. What did they say Moses had done?
13. What did they ask

Jesus? 14. Who, did Jesus say, had sent the manna? 15. Who sends the true bread from heaven? 16. Who, did Jesus say, is the true bread from heaven? 17. What did the people ask? 18. What was Jesus' answer? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah!
 Pilgrim through this barren land:
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
 Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
 Bread of heaven,
 Feed me now and evermore. Amen.
 —Hymn 317, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS WILL GIVE ME ALL I NEED

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 19. Who takes care of the world? God watches over all his works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

The Question on Missions

10. What is done for them? They are welcomed at the dispensary by a friendly missionary, who speaks their language and who explains their trouble to the doctor. The doctor tells them what to do and sees that they get proper medicines. A nurse is at hand to help them, and, if it is necessary, cares for them afterwards in their homes.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The teachings of Jesus will make our souls strong, just as good food gives strength to our bodies. Copy the text.

I am the Bread of Life

Lesson XI. JESUS SAVES FROM SIN—TEMPERANCE March 18, 1917
LESSON

John 8 : 12, 31-37, 56-58. Study John 8 : 12, 28-37, 56-59. * Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 121 : 5-8.

Golden Text—If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8 : 36 (Rev. Ver.).



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12 Then spake Je'sus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

31 Then said Je'sus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed ;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be A'braham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man : how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free ?

34 Je'sus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever : *but* the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are A'braham's seed ; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

56 Your father A'braham rejoiced to see my day : and he saw *it*, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen A'braham ?

58 Je'sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before A'braham was, I am.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was sitting in the court, or yard, of the temple at Jerusalem, teaching all who came to him. As Jesus looked at the bright sunshine, he told those who were listening to him, that he was the light of the world. He came to show people what God wants them to know, just as light shows us things around us.

Some of the Jews believed what Jesus said. To these Jesus said that, if they would obey his words, they would be his true disciples. He said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." That puzzled them very much. "Make us free ! What does he mean ?" they said to one another. "Why do you say we shall be made free ?" they asked Jesus. "We are Abra-

ham's children, and we were born free and were never servants to any man." Long ago servants were bought by their masters, and were bound to stay with them all their life unless their master set them free.

Jesus told them that anybody who does any wrong thing is the servant of sin, and sin is a very hard master to get away from. In fact, nobody can get away from sin unless somebody comes to them and sets them free. Now that is just what Jesus came to do,—to set everybody free from sin. In our Golden Text, he says, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Jesus told them he knew all about them. He knew that they were children of Abraham, who was God's faithful servant long years

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before this. But how different they were from their father Abraham! They were trying to get a chance to kill Jesus, for they did not believe in him. But Jesus told them that their father Abraham in heaven rejoiced when Jesus came to the earth.

This puzzled them more than ever. How could Jesus know that Abraham rejoiced? Abraham died years and years before Jesus came to the world!

"You are not yet fifty years old," they said, "and do you mean to tell us you have seen our father Abraham, who died long years before you were born?" Ah! but they did not know all that we know about Jesus. We know that he lived long before Abraham or anybody else. He was in heaven from the very beginning of everything.

When Jesus told them this, they did not believe what he said. They got very angry at him. They picked up stones to throw at him, and would have killed him, but Jesus slipped quietly out of their sight and went out of the temple.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where do we see Jesus in our lesson story? 2. To whom is he talking? 3. What did Jesus say that he was? 4. What did Jesus tell the Jews would make them free? 5. What did they say? 6. How were servants treated long ago? 7. Who only could set them free? 8. When people do wrong, who is their master? 9. Who only can set us free from sin? 10. Who was Abraham? 11. What did Jesus say about Abraham's rejoicing? 12. What did the

Jews say about this? 13. How could Jesus know that Abraham rejoiced? 14. What did the angry Jews try to do to Jesus? 15. What did Jesus do? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions sub-
due;

Look ever to Jesus—He will carry you
through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through. Amen.*

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SHINE FOR JESUS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. What does God do for you? God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.

The Question on Missions

11. Tell about the results of this work. Thousands of poor foreign strangers have thus found a place like home to them, and kind friends ready to help them in every possible way. They have learned that Jesus is a loving Saviour, have been led to trust and love him, and are now living happy, useful lives.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is one sure way of keeping out of all evil ways and walking in ways that are safe and happy. It is to follow Jesus. Copy the text.

I am the Light of the World

Lesson XII. **REVIEW—JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE** March 25, 1917

Golden Text—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life : no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.—John 14 : 6 (Rev. Ver.).

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE (Ps. 121 : 1-8). **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 1-20. **MEMORY HYMN**—Ps. Sel. 14, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Read John 14 : 1-14

The Stories for the Quarter

The stories for the Quarter have all been about Jesus. Let us see what we can remember about these stories.

LESSON I. What does the story tell us about when Jesus began to live? Whom did God send to prepare the way for Jesus? How did Jesus' own people, the Jews, receive him? What did Jesus do for those who believed on him?

LESSON II. What did John do for the people who were sorry for their sins? What did he say when he pointed out Jesus to the people? How did John know him?

LESSON III. Who were the two fishermen who went down to the Jordan river to hear John preach? What did they do when John pointed out Jesus to them? How did Jesus help them? What others did Jesus call to be his disciples?

LESSON IV. What did Jesus find going on in the temple which made him very angry? What did he do? What did Jesus say about destroying the temple? What did he mean?

LESSON V. How did Jesus help Nicodemus? How can people get into God's kingdom? Who must help us to become new people with new thoughts and desires? Why did Moses lift up the serpent of brass? To whom must we look to be cured of sin?

LESSON VI. Beside what well did Jesus rest? What did he ask the woman of Samaria? How did Jesus tell her he could help her?

LESSON VII. Whose son was very sick? Whom did the father ask for healing? What did Jesus do?

LESSON VIII. Why did sick people gather at the Pool of Bethesda? How did Jesus help one of the poor sick men? What fault did the Jews find about it?

LESSON IX. How many people gathered to listen to Jesus on the hillside by the Sea of Galilee? In what way did Jesus see that he could help these tired, hungry people? What did the little lad give to Jesus? What was left over after all had had enough?

LESSON X. To what place did the crowd then follow Jesus? Why were they seeking Jesus? What did Jesus tell them he could give them that would make them live forever? What did he call himself? To whom will he give the bread of life?

LESSON XI. What do we need that we may see when it is dark? What did Jesus call himself? Who are the servants of sin? Who can set sin's servants free?

Lesson Hymn

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair;
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" Amen.
—Hymn 97, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should love Jesus

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. Jesus the Life and Light of Men.

LESSON VI. Jesus and the Woman of Samaria.

LESSON II. John the Baptist and Jesus.

LESSON VII. Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son.

LESSON III. First Disciples of the Lord Jesus.

LESSON VIII. Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda.

LESSON IV. Reverence of Jesus for His Father's House.

LESSON IX. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

LESSON V. Jesus the Saviour of the World.

LESSON X. Jesus the Bread of Life.

LESSON XI. Jesus Saves from Sin (Temperance Lesson).

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	
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