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## THE LITTLE PEOPLE

A dreary place would be this earth,  
Were there no little people in it ;  
The song of life would lose its mirth,  
Were there no children to begin it.

No little forms, like buds to grow,  
And make the admiring heart surrender ;  
No little hands on breast and brow,  
To keep the thrilling love-chords tender.

The sterner souls would grow more stern,  
Unfeeling nature more inhuman,  
And man to stoic coldness turn,  
And woman would be less than woman.

Life's song indeed would lose its charm,  
Were there no babies to begin it ;  
A doleful place this world would be  
Were there no little people in it.

—Whittier

## GOOD-BY, LITTLE SWEETHEARTS!

And so another year is slipping away. Many of the little ones whose mothers have been teaching them these two or three years from *THE PRIMARY QUARTERLY* can now read—actually read from a book—and so are to be taken out of the Primary class and put into a little class all by themselves. Good-by, little sweethearts! How much we have enjoyed our lessons with you. There are little ones waiting to take your places, and we shall be delighted to make their acquaintance. For you, we shall see you again in our *HOME STUDY QUARTERLY*. It is a harder Quarterly than the Primary ; but then, you are bigger, and you wouldn't like it if it were not harder. We put ladders up in *THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY* in the shape of questions. You

will begin with the questions for juniors. Possibly soon you will want to try some of the questions for seniors. But it is the same great and wise God we are to study about, and the same loving Saviour, and the same gracious Holy Spirit who comes into our hearts, "soft as the breath of even," to make us pure and strong. May the new year and the promotion bring you much happiness!

## THE CHURCH-GOING HABIT

*By Miss Jessie M. Ross*

"My little child cannot bear going to church," said an estimable parent a few weeks ago. "What should I do? Ought I to insist on his going, despite his coaxings and pleadings to the contrary, or should I leave him to the trend of his own inclinations, with the prayerful hope that, when he gets more sense, I can foster a love for church?"

How many boys, if left to their own free will and inclination regarding their regular attendance at the public school, would choose to plod away? It will be readily granted that the percentage would be a small one, and also that to fall short in school-going would be detrimental to a boy's future career. Our school laws therefore demand, and wisely, too, that a child shall attend school so many days each year until the age of fourteen. It is not only the duty of the parents, but their high privilege, to decide for the children until they have reached years to choose for themselves ; and happy, thrice happy, are those parents who still retain the confidence of their children, as the years have rolled on and brought them to manhood and womanhood.

If it is considered necessary to keep little ones faithfully at day school till a solid foundation of the rudimentary principles of education is laid, surely the importance of laying as good a foundation for religious instruction is equally plain.

Children understand more than we are apt to suppose. There are bits in every sermon, that, like seeds borne by the wind, settle down into their minds and hearts, but even if they do not understand a single sentence of the sermon, they do follow the songs and prayers. Besides, in going to church they are forming a good habit that is being gradually, but surely strengthened week by week.

Not only should the fathers—who are looked up to as models by the little boys—and mothers—who are imitated in every particular by the girlies—be faithful in their own attendance, but they should bring their little ones with them. They may be restless at first, may perhaps worry you or those sitting near you; but never mind. In a few Sundays the restlessness is overcome. The very people who perhaps have a chronic habit of complaining that "So-and-so's children are continually disturbing us," would feel mortified if the little tots were to be kept home on their account, and would be quite willing to admit that their grievance had been magnified.

A word may be dropped here to Sabbath School teachers. Do we as teachers set a standard of faithfulness to our own church services, worthy of imitation by our classes? Let us take thought of the importance of our own influence in the matter. A slack teacher can hardly hope to have anything but slack scholars.

The sacredness of God's house should be impressed upon the little ones from infancy—not a fear, but a loving, tender solemnity. Little boys should be taught reverence, by the uncovering of the head the moment they enter the vestibule of the church. All children should understand that silence becomes the house of God. Encourage the little folks to talk about what they have observed while in church. Guide their thoughts carefully from anything that savors of the secular. Let them tell you their

impressions of the sermon. Their remarks and observations will sometimes astonish you. If they know that you are likely to talk with them after you get home about what the minister has said, they are more likely to pay attention while at church; and let the importance of loyalty to their own church be vividly kept before them.

Great care, too, should be exercised that all remarks about the service be tinged with the broadest Christian charity. The music may not have suited us; but it is not likely we could have done nearly as well ourselves. The sermon may have seemed a little long; but were we in a right frame of mind? We little realize what disastrous effects such criticisms may have on the children in after years. The impressions of children abide.

Children can scarcely help growing up children of God, with good Christian influences and example continually surrounding them. It may seem a matter of small account whether a child is at, or absent from, the service on a particular Sabbath morning, whether he hears his minister well or ill spoken of; but it is from the sowing of very tiny seeds that great harvests come.

Guelph, Ont.

#### THE STORY OF TWO PLANTS

This is the story of two plants. The first of them, as soon as its head popped above the soil, began to think, "I wonder what sort of blossom I shall bear? Shall I have a red rose, or a white lily, or a blue harebell, or a purple hyacinth, or a yellow tulip? Will people praise me, and shall I get into a rich vase in some rich house?"

Such thoughts the silly plant could not keep out of its head. It paid no attention to the rain and sun and soil. It did not send out its little rootlets to gather in the substances that would have made it strong and flourishing. It just dreamed and dreamed and dreamed. The result was that never a blossom came, and scarcely a leaf, and the plant could not live on its poor dried-up roots.

But the beautiful plant! Why! it spent no thought on what might happen some day, but simply grew in the best way it

knew how. It opened up its leaves to the sun and rain. It sent its roots deep and wide through the rich, life-giving earth. And at last, one happy day, it discovered that it bore a most lovely flower. And soon came another, and then another, and another, until people came to look at it, and enjoy it, and admire it.

And now, children, which plant do you want to imitate,—the plant that kept thinking so much about what it would grow to be that it did not grow at all, or the plant that just did the best it knew how to do, and trusted God to send the beauty and the glory when the right time came?

— Three Years with the Children

#### WORDS AND WINGS

“ If words  
Were birds  
And swiftly flew  
From tips  
Of lips  
Owned, dear, by you ;  
Would they,  
To-day,  
Be hawks or crows ?  
Or blue,  
And true,  
And sweet ? Who knows ? ”

“ Let's play  
To-day  
We choose the best ;  
Birds blue  
And true,  
With dove-like breast !  
'Tis queer,  
My dear,  
We never knew  
That words,  
Like birds,  
Had wings and flew ! ”

#### THE GENTLE ART OF MANAGING

When I was a little girl I had to begin my public school career in what is known as the “Old Brick” building. It stood on the borderland between a neighborhood eminently respectable and one which was decidedly rough, and its pupils belonged to different

classes long before they entered its dingy walls or set foot upon its worn staircases. The “Old Brick” was the first well-built school of the little city, and like a true pioneer was very democratic. We of the primary grades were equally so, and often a barefooted, stone-throwing lassie seemed wonderfully fascinating to more gently-reared children—as long as her stones were not thrown in the wrong direction.

Many were the injunctions which some of us received against loitering after school or playing by the way. Seven-year-old consciences may be all right, but seven-year-old memories are short, and the thing that is nearest exerts an influence inversely proportionate to the square of the distance. The path of rectitude was hard for me until my mother began to bake apples. I had often been promised an apple as soon as I reached home, yet an apple is an apple at four o'clock or at five, and so long as the waiting does not cause it to decay, its goodness is unimpaired. But when it is baked !

Mother told me that when she was a little girl she had apples baked on the stove without a pan, and that she would bake one in that way for me every day. It was put on the plain top of the air-tight wood stove exactly as the bell struck for dismissal of school, the fancy iron cover was put over it, and if I came directly home it would be done to a turn just as I got my wraps off and my hands washed and was ready for it.

Do you think I dallied by the way after that ? Never ! The tempters lost their power, and vainly pleaded for me to catch on bobs or make snow men. I told them that my apple would be spoiled if I didn't hurry ; that it was all right if it had popped just a little and the juice was white and bubbly, but that if it were squashy (I suppose that is the way to spell it), and the juice got sticky, it wasn't right at all.

After my apple was eaten, I could go out to play if I wished, but I was carefully headed in another direction and my play-mates chosen for me. It is only within the last few years that I have remembered those apples to understand them. Comprehension made them seem sweeter than ever before. How much better a baked apple than a

scolding! One more troublesome question was disposed of, and there was one less possible cause of friction between mother and child.

Now the baked apple method is capable of wide application.

—The Interior

“WHO FIRST LOVED ME”

(FOR FIVE CHILDREN)

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

Who first loved me.

With a childlike heart of love,  
At Thy bidding may I move,  
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,  
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Teach me all Thy steps to trace,  
Strong to follow in Thy grace;  
Learning how to love from Thee,  
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ,  
In obedience all her joy;  
Ever new that joy will be,  
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show  
That I feel the love I owe;  
Singing, till Thy face I see,  
Of His love—

Who first loved me

FULFILLING HIS PROMISES

In the Lessons of the Third Quarter, the central human figure was Moses. The little ones must have learned to understand and admire him more than ever as they have followed the story of his life. But now we come to the time when Moses passes away; and in the Lessons of this Quarter we see men like Joshua and Caleb and Gideon and Samuel, and women like Naomi and Ruth standing out in the sacred story.

But while Moses has gone, the God of Moses remains. He has led His people

across the wilderness, keeping always before them the land promised to their fathers. The time has now come for the Israelites to enter into this land and make their home in it. The entrance of God's people into Canaan, and the blessings and duties of life in Canaan form the topic for the Quarter. The central thought, then, which mothers and teachers may keep before the children as they study these lessons, is: **THE LORD FULFILLING HIS PROMISES.**

We see the Lord fulfilling His promises:

Lesson 1. By encouraging His servant—and thus preparing him and his followers for the toils and dangers that lay before them.

2. By bringing His people through the Jordan—a miracle which impressed on them their need of God's help.

3. By overcoming their enemies in such a way as led them to trust not in their own strength, but in God's.

4. By rewarding a faithful follower—from whose story we learn that God remembers all faithful service.

5. By restraining human wrath—providing shelter for the manslayer in the cities of refuge, which are a picture of Christ.

6. By warning against idolatry—so that the people might learn that God required their individual love.

7. By punishing the rebellious—revealing in this way His hatred of sin, which is as intense now as then.

8. By warning against intemperance—which was bringing misery into the land that He intended to be happy.

9. By giving strength to the trusting—showing by the example of Gideon's three hundred that He will make us strong against temptations.

10. By teaching love to others—not those of their own race only, but also to foreigners such as Ruth.

11. By sending a message of judgment—which the child Samuel was chosen to bear to Eli.

12. By answering His servant's prayer—and granting deliverance to His people.

“If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself.”

An Order of Service

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AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1902

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I. SINGING—" Lord a little band and lowly." 543 Book of Praise.

II. PRAYER—Recite together

"The Lord is in His temple holy,  
Let all the children silence keep.  
Let every head be bowed most lowly,  
And every eye be closed as if in sleep."

After a slight pause, the teacher leads in prayer.

III. OFFERINGS—Sing

"Hear the pennies dropping, listen as they fall,  
Everyone for Jesus, He shall have them all.  
Dropping, dropping ever, from each little hand,  
'Tis our gift to Jesus from His loving band."

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON—Scripture alphabet (a series of short texts beginning with the letters of the alphabet, in order. The teacher may readily construct this).

V. SINGING.

VI. THE LESSON FOR THE DAY.

VII. PRAYER (repeated by the children) asking for special blessing on the lesson).

VIII. GESTURE HYMN—

Two little hands to work for Thee, (Raise hands)  
Two little feet to walk Thy ways, (Point to feet)  
Two shining eyes Thy works to see, (Point to eyes)  
One clear voice to sing Thy praise, (Point to mouth)  
Two little lips kind words to speak, (Point to lips)  
Two sharp ears, quick to hear Thy call, (Point to ears)  
One childish heart that Thou must make  
Kindly and loving unto all.  
Oh Father, Thou hast made them all,  
So here we offer them to Thee ; (Hold out both hands)  
And Thou shalt use them each and all,  
That like to Jesus we may be.

IX. CLOSE WITH HYMN 516, Book of Praise.

TEACHER—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

CLASS—The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : He shall preserve thy soul.

## JOSHUA ENCOURAGED

October 5, 1902

Joshua 1 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Be strong and of a good courage.—Josh. 1 : 9.

1 Now after the death of Mo'ses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Josh'ua the son of Nun, Mo'ses' minister, saying,

2 Mo'ses my servant is dead ; now therefore arise, go over this Jor'dan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Is'rael.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mo'ses.

4 From the wilderness and this Leb'anon even unto the great river, the river Euphra'tes, all the land of the Hit'tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life : as I was with Mo'ses, so I will be with thee : I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage : for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Mo'ses my servant commanded thee : turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth ; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein : for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage ; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed : for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Josh'ua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals ; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jor'dan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

*Mrs. Robinson*  
THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as Moses, the great leader of the Israelites was dead, the Lord called for Joshua to bring His people across the Jordan and see them safely settled in the land of Canaan.

At this time Joshua was about eighty-four years old and was the only man in all Israel except Caleb, who could remember the time when the people had once been slaves in Egypt, and the wonderful crossing of the Red Sea.

But it was not only because of his age and wisdom that Joshua was now made general, but that he had so often proved himself to be a brave man and a good soldier. Everyone had heard of how as a young man he

had once saved the whole nation, when they were attacked by the fierce people of the desert, also how he had bravely stood out against the evil report of the spies when Moses sent him with them to explore the new country.

Now there was yet much fighting to be done with the heathen people of the land before the Israelites could be masters in Canaan ; so, while God's people were still encamped outside of it on the banks of the river Jordan, the Lord called Joshua and said, "See, there is only this river between you and the promised country. Look across and behold what a large and beautiful land it is. Soon every part of it that



your feet shall touch in walking shall be yours, even as far as your eye can see."

And here the Lord made Joshua a great promise, saying, "If only you yourself will be strong and full of courage, I will be your friend and will stand by you, as I stood by Moses, all the days of your life and will give you such strength that no one shall ever be able to conquer you.

"But one thing you must do, and upon this depends all. You are going into danger. Remember the laws and commandments which I gave Moses. Take special care of the books in which they are written. Learn them by heart. Teach them to the people and see that they love and obey them. Never be led away from what is right. Never be afraid, and I the Lord God will be with you wherever you go and you shall have good success."

Then Joshua got up and sent for the head

men of the people and told them to see that everyone prepared food enough to last three days, and to move down nearer to the edge of the river, so as to be ready, as soon as he gave the word, to cross over at once into Canaan.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Who was made leader of Israel after Moses?
2. What was to be Joshua's special work?
3. What kind of man was he?
4. How had he proved himself brave?
5. How old was he when he was made general?
6. Where were the Israelites when Joshua was appointed as their leader?
7. How much of Canaan did God promise to give His people?
8. What special promise did He give Joshua if he were brave and strong?
9. How did God say he should win success?
10. How did Joshua prepare to cross the Jordan?
11. What is the Golden Text?

**TOMMY'S PLAN**

The hired man, who was coming home with a load of wood, placed Master Tommy on top of the load. Just before reaching the farm the team went briskly down a steep hill.

When Tommy entered the house his mother said:

"Tommy, dear, were you not frightened when the horses were trotting so quickly

down Crow Hill with the load?"

"Yes, mother, a little," replied Tom, honestly; "but I asked the Lord to help me, and hung on like a beaver."

Sensible Tommy! He joined working to praying. In all troubles pray and hang on like a beaver—that is, while you ask God to help you, help yourself with all your might. It's the only sure way.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I should be brave

*Joseph L. Johnston*

**Primary Catechism—116.** What is meant by the Gospel? The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**Shorter Catechism—43.** What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

**Lesson Hymn**

"Follow Me," the Master said:  
We will follow Jesus:  
By His Word and Spirit led,  
We will follow Jesus:  
Still for us He lives to plead,  
At the throne doth intercede  
Offers help in time of need;  
We will follow Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

Joshua 3 : 9-17. Study Joshua 3 : 9 to 4 : 7—Memory Verses, 15-17.

**Golden Text**—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43 : 2.



9 And Josh'ua said unto the children of Is'ra-el, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Josh'ua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Ca'naanites, and the Hit'tites, and the Hiv'ites, and the Per'izzites, and the Gir'gashites, and the Am'orites, and the Jeb'usites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jor'dan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Is'rael, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jor'dan, that the waters of Jor'dan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jor'dan,

and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jor'dan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jor'dan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.)

16 That the waters which come down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Ad'am, that is beside Za'retan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Je'richo.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jor'dan, and all the Is'raelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jor'dan.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

The Israelites now found themselves on the bank of the Jordan, at a spot almost opposite the heathen city of Jericho. It was at the season of the barley harvest, and a time when the river was much swollen by floods, so that it was very deep and dangerous.

The people were much troubled as to how they should cross the wild and rushing torrent, for they had no boats and it was too far to swim.

While everyone was waiting and wondering what should be done, Joshua quieted the people, saying, "Fear not; for the God of heaven and earth is among you and will prove to all the world this day that He is on your side. He will not only find a way for

you to cross the river, but will drive out from before you all the fierce people of the land of Canaan."

Then Joshua commanded the Israelites to fold up their tents and to form a procession in order as for marching.

And Joshua said, "Here is God's plan: The priests of the tabernacle shall take the holy ark and shall walk with it into the water of the river. And it shall be that, as soon as their feet shall touch the water, the rushing waves of the Jordan shall be held back by the hand of God. Then all of you shall pass over on dry land."

And the people believed the words of the Lord and of Joshua and made ready to obey.

Now as soon as the priests stepped into

the river, the rushing waves from up stream were cut off as Joshua had said, so that they stood piled in a great heap, while the waters around the ark went down, leaving a dry path in the midst of the river-bed.

When the priests with the ark reached the middle of the river, they stood still until all the people of Israel were safely across except twelve men, whom Joshua now called to come and take each of them a great stone from the place where the ark had rested in mid-stream and lay them upon the opposite bank.

"These," said Joshua, "shall be to you a memorial, that when in time to come your children shall say, 'What are these stones?' the fathers shall answer, 'It was here that the Lord held back the Jordan from before the ark and His people, on the day that He brought them into Canaan.'"

Now as soon as the ark and the priests and

Joshua and the people with the twelve stones were all safely upon the farther shore, the Lord opened His hand and the waters of the Jordan returned again into their own place and the swollen river flowed on as it had done before.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What time of year was it when the Israelites came to the Jordan? 2. In what state did they find the river? 3. How did Joshua encourage the people? 4. How did he tell them to prepare for crossing? 5. Whom did he put in the front of the procession? 6. What were the priests to carry? 7. What happened when their feet touched the water of the river? 8. Where did the ark rest while the Israelites were crossing? 9. Who crossed last of all? 10. What did Joshua say about the stones? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### IN THE WOODS

Elsie and May had to go through a grove of pine trees on their way home from school. They always ran through it, because it looked so dark. One day they heard a noise behind them. Without looking back they ran faster and faster. At last May fell down and Elsie sat down on a log out of breath. They were much frightened; but what do

you think came out of the woods after them? Why, Jack, their own dog! Then the little girls felt much ashamed that they had been such cowards.

It is often so with us. The things which we are afraid will be hard and disagreeable prove to be easy and pleasant when they come to us.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I need God's help



**Primary Catechism—117.** What command did Jesus give about the gospel before he left the world? Jesus told His disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

**Shorter Catechism—44.** What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

### Lesson Hymn

Courage, brother! do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the humble,—  
"Trust in God, and do the right."

Let the road be rough and dreary,  
And the end far out of sight,  
Foot it bravely! strong or weary,  
Trust in God, and do the right.

Amen.

—Hymn 275, Book of Praise

## THE FALL OF JERICO

October 19, 1902

Joshua 6 : 12-20. Study Joshua 6 : 8-20—Memory Verse, 20.

**Golden Text**—By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.—Heb. 11 : 30.

the messengers that we sent. 18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Is'rael a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD : they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets : and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as the king of Jericho heard that the army of the Israelites had crossed the Jordan and that they were now coming against him, he shut himself up with his people inside the great stone walls of Jericho, with food enough to last for some time, and commanded the gates to be shut. He felt sure that no one could break into the city.

Shortly before this, however, Joshua had sent two men secretly to Jericho to find out the strength of the city. These men had been helped and their lives saved by a woman called Rahab, whom they had promised to protect if ever the Israelites should take the city.

Just as Joshua was wondering how he and his soldiers should prepare to move against the heathen king, suddenly an angel

12 And Josh'ua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets : and the armed men went before them ; but the reaward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp : so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass that on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times : only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Josh'ua said unto the people, Shout ; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, *even it*, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD : only Ra'hah the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid

stood before him with a drawn sword in his hand. And the angel said, " I am the captain of the Lord's host," and from him Joshua learned all that he must do.

And Joshua got up early the next morning and set his armies in marching array and gave them their orders.

At the very head of the procession he placed a company of well-armed soldiers. After them came seven priests each blowing in time upon a trumpet made of a ram's horn, and behind them came the holy ark of the covenant carried by the rest of the priests. After the ark followed all the men of Israel on foot, only the women and children remaining in their tents.

The first day Joshua led his men silently once around the walls of Jericho, and came home. The next day he did the same, and

on the third and the fourth and the fifth, until they had walked around the city in all six times. But on the seventh day Joshua got up before daybreak and marched his men, not once, but seven times, around Jericho. And at the seventh time Joshua said, "When the priests blow with the trumpets, let all the people shout, for the Lord hath given us the city."

Now when the people had shouted with a great noise and the trumpets had sounded, the strong walls of Jericho fell flat before the men of Israel, so that they walked straight in and took the city.

And Jericho was found to be full of gold and silver, and vessels of brass and iron, but Joshua forbade his men to take any of the precious things for themselves. They were all brought into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

And the Lord gave the men of Jericho

into the hands of Joshua and his soldiers, but the two spies saved Rahab and took her with her family back with them into the camp of Israel.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. How did the king of Jericho behave when he heard that the Israelites had crossed the Jordan?
2. How did Joshua know anything about Jericho?
3. Who helped him to make his plans?
4. Whom did Joshua place in the front of his army?
5. Who kept time for the marchers?
6. Who carried the ark?
7. Who followed last?
8. How many times did they go around it on the seventh day?
10. What did they do the seventh day?
11. What happened when the people shouted?
12. What was done with the treasures of war?
13. Who was Rahab?
14. How was she saved?
15. What is the Golden Text?

**HOW TO WIN**

Did you ever hear of the little drummer boy with the great Napoleon's army, who, when Napoleon thought the battle was lost and asked him to beat a retreat, looked at the great general and did not obey? Ordered again to beat a retreat, he looked at

Napoleon, and said, "You never taught me to beat a retreat; but I can beat a charge." He was at last told to beat a charge, and did so, and the army rushed forward over the dead and dying, and one of the greatest of Napoleon's victories was won that day.



I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT **I should trust God**



**Primary Catechism—118.** Has this command been completely fulfilled? No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

**Shorter Catechism—45.** What is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**46.** What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

**Lesson Hymn**

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,  
 Going each with staff in hand?  
 We are going on a journey,  
 Going at our King's command;  
 Over hills and plains and valleys,  
 We are going to His palace,  
 Going to the better land.

Fear ye not the way so lonely,  
 You a little, feeble band?  
 No; for friends unseen are near us,  
 Holy angels round us stand;  
 Christ, our Leader, walks beside us,  
 He will guard, and He will guide us,  
 Guide us to the better land.

Amen.

—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

Joshua 14 : 5-15—Memory Verses, 12-14.

**Golden Text**—He wholly followed the LORD.—Joshua 14 : 14.

5 As the LORD commanded Mo'ses, so the children of Is'rael did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Ju'dah came unto Josh'ua in Gil'gal ; and Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ken'ezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Mo'ses the man of God concerning me and thee in Ka'desh-bar'nea.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Mo'ses the servant of the LORD sent me from Ka'desh-bar'nea to espy out the land ; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt : but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Mo'ses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Mo'ses, while *the children of Is'rael*

wandered in the wilderness : and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Mo'ses sent me : as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day ; for thou heardest in that day how the An'akims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great and fenced : if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Josh'ua blessed him, and gave unto Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh He'bron for an inheritance.

14 He'bron therefore became the inheritance of Ca'leb the son of Jephun'neh the Ken'ezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Is'rael.

15 And the name of He'bron before *was* Kir'jath-ar'ba ; *which Ar'ba was* a great man among the An'akims. And the land had rest from war.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After the taking of Jericho, the men of Israel had much fighting to do before they fully conquered the Canaanites.

During this time the Israelites had been moving their tents from place to place, but as soon as the war was over Joshua divided the land so that each family should have its own homestead.

Among the last and fiercest of the Canaanites to be driven out were the Anakims, who belonged to a race of giants, and, under their chief Arba, lived in a very beautiful and fertile part of the country among the hills of Hebron.

The man who gave Joshua the most help in conquering this terrible tribe was Caleb, the oldest man in Israel and one of the first spies.

While Joshua was at Gilgal, the place in which he had called a great meeting of the people that he might make out each man's share of the land, Caleb and the chief men of his tribe, the tribe of Judah, came and were among the first to receive their inheritance. At this assembly Caleb told the story of his life.

He reminded Joshua of the time when they had both been young men in the wilderness, and of how Moses had sent them with the spies to this very country of the Anakims. But instead of joining with the other spies in their evil report of the land, Caleb had said, "Let us not be afraid ! Surely God is able to fight for us !"

Now because he had remained faithful on

the side of the Lord, God at that time had made him this promise, saying, "Surely this land, even the country of the giants, shall one day be yours and shall belong to you and your family forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord your God."

Though it was forty-five years since this promise to Caleb had been given, it had not been forgotten. And Caleb said to Joshua, "I am now eighty-five years old, but see, I am as strong and able to fight as in the day when Moses first sent me on the Lord's errand! Now, therefore, give me this place called Hebron, for the Lord did promise it to me, and He shall make me strong enough to hold it against the giants."

Then Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him Hebron for his home, and it remained in Caleb's family for hundreds of years because

that he had wholly followed the Lord his God.

Now from that time the Israelites had peace, so that every man was able to attend to the affairs of his own house.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Joshua do when the fighting with the Canaanites was over?
2. Who were the last people to be conquered?
3. What was the name of their country?
4. Who helped to overcome the Anakims?
5. What kind of man was Caleb?
6. What work had he done for Moses?
7. How did he behave when the spies brought back an evil report of the land?
8. What promise did God make him then?
9. How long was it before this promise was fulfilled?
10. How old was Caleb then?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### FAITHFUL IN LITTLE

A hundred years ago there lived a little boy in Oxford whose business it was to clean the boots of the students in the famous university there. He was poor, but quick and honest, and did his work with all his might.

The lad, whose name was George, was a great favorite among the students because of his hearty way of doing things and his faithful, industrious habits. They saw in him the promise of a noble man, and one of the students offered to teach him a little every day;

"for," said he, "a boy that can black boots well can study well."

And so he did. In time this same boy became the famous preacher, George Whitfield. He was a very great orator and immense crowds of people of all sorts thronged after him wherever he was to preach; and his moving appeals led multitudes to turn away from their sinful lives and follow Jesus as their Saviour. He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

God remembers me



**Primary Catechism—119.** What does God's word tell us about the spread of the gospel? God's word tells us that the gospel shall be preached in all the world before the end comes.

**Shorter Catechism—47.** What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

### Lesson Hymn

The wise may bring their learning,  
The rich may bring their wealth;  
And some may bring their greatness,  
And some bring strength and health:  
We, too, would bring our treasures  
To offer to the King;  
We have no wealth or learning;  
What shall we children bring?

Amen.

—Hymn 535, Book of Praise

Joshua 20 : 1-9—Memory Verses, 1-4.

**Golden Text**—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46 : 1.



1 The LORD also spake unto Josh'ua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, wherof I spake unto you by the hand of Mo'ses :

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither : and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand ; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days : then shall the slayer

return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 And they appointed Ke'desh in Gal'ilee in mount Naph'tali, and Shech'em in mount Eph'raim, and Kir'jath-ar'ba, which is He'bron, in the mountain of Ju'dah.

8 And on the other side Jor'dan by Jer'icho eastward, they assigned Be'zer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reu'ben, and Ra'moth in Gil'ead out of the tribe of Gad, and Go'lan in Ba'shan out of the tribe of Mannas'seh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Is'rael, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

It was the custom among the Israelites that if one man should kill another, the dead man's nearest relative, who was then called his avenger, should pursue after the murderer and kill him in return for the evil he had done.

This manner of punishing had often led to much trouble, for sometimes a man who had taken away the life of another, merely by accident or mistake, was punished just as severely as if he had planned to do wrong.

In this way, if a man was working with another in the woods and his axe slipped and killed his companion, he must pay for it with his life. If one man ran over another in the dark and so injured him that he died, the brother or cousin or whoever

might then be his avenger might kill the one who had done such a deed, without mercy.

Now the Lord was not willing that the children of Israel should carry this unfair and cruel rule into their new country, and in the wilderness He had told Moses that in Canaan a way of escape should be found for the man who had killed another by mistake or accident.

So when the new land was being divided, the Lord told Joshua to set apart six cities to be called "Cities of Refuge," three of them on one side of Jordan and three on the other, and so placed that it would be easy for a man fleeing to get to one or another of them from any part of Canaan.



And the Lord said, "See to it that the roads to these cities are kept in good repair. And it shall be that if any one in Israel, or any stranger among you, shall kill another without meaning to do it, let him run for his life to one of these cities. There the elders shall hear his story and give his case a fair trial.

"If it can be proved that the slayer had no bad feelings toward the one he injured, then the elders of that city shall take him in and give him work and shelter, so that, when the avenger shall chase after him, he shall be safe. His enemy shall not be able to touch him so long as he remains within the city, which shall be until the death of the high priest. Then he shall be free to return to his own home."

Now the names for the cities of refuge that Joshua chose were Kedesh, Shechem, Hebron, Bezer, Golan and Ramoth-Gilead, three on one side of the Jordan and three on the other.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. By whom was one who killed another punished among the Israelites?
2. Why was this punishment sometimes unfair?
3. Who planned a way of escape for the man who had unwittingly done wrong?
4. What was God's plan?
5. How many cities of refuge were there?
6. What made them easy to reach?
7. How was a man treated when he fled to one of them?
8. How long must he stay there?
9. If he left the city, what happened?
10. What is the Golden Text?

**THE BETTER WAY**

In a certain missionary school in West Africa a little girl one day struck her school-mate. The teacher found it out and asked the child who was struck;

"Did you strike her back again?"

"No, ma'am," said the child.

"What did you do?" said the teacher.

"I left her to God," said she.

What better way could be found? Shall not we boys and girls take the little girl's plan of preventing quarrels as they arise? Let us, too, leave our enemies to God, praying that He would forgive them and make them our friends.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**Christ is my Saviour**



**Primary Catechism—120.** What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour? If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

**Shorter Catechism—48.** What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?

A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

**Lesson Hymn**

Though our hearts are depraved,  
Though with sin we are burdened,  
Our souls may be saved,  
And our sins may be pardoned;  
And Jesus, our Saviour,  
Hath promised to bless us,  
And free us for ever  
From those that oppress us.  
*Hallelujah to the Lamb,  
Who hath brought us a pardon;  
We will praise Him again,  
When we've passed over Jordan.*

Amen.

—Hymn 546, Book of Praise

Joshua 24 : 14-25—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

**Golden Text**—Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.—Josh. 24 : 15.



14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity, and in truth : and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in E'gypt ; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Am'orites, in whose land ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods ;

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of E'gypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed :

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Am'orites which dwelt in the land : *therefore* will we also

serve the LORD ; for he *is* our God.

19 And Josh'ua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD : for he *is* an holy God ; he *is* a jealous God ; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Josh'ua, Nay ; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Josh'ua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, *said* he, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Is'rael.

24 And the people said unto Josh'ua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Josh'ua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shech'em.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After the Israelites had conquered the people of Canaan and divided the land, the work of Joshua as a soldier and general was finished. When he knew that the time must soon come for him to die, he called a great meeting of the Israelites at Shechem and there made them his farewell address.

And Joshua said, "I have lived among you a long time and have seen all that the Lord your God has done for you as a people, how He led your fathers out of Egypt and across the Red Sea and the Jordan, and how He conquered your enemies before you by the way, until He brought you into this good

land. But now that everything is going well, there is this danger, that you may forget the commandments of the Lord which He gave you in the wilderness and learn to love other gods such as the heathen about you worship. Let the matter be settled now once and for all. If it seem evil for you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve. If you wish to become like the heathen whom you meet in this land, then worship their gods. But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Then all the people answered, "God forbid that we should forsake the Lord to serve

other gods, for He is our own God. Did not He work great signs and wonders for our fathers in Egypt, and only the other day He saved us from the Amorites by a miracle? Surely He is the greatest of all gods!"

"But," said Joshua, "Remember, it is not an easy thing to serve the Lord, for He is a holy God and can never overlook even the smallest sin. If you turn against Him, He will quickly punish you and take from you all the good things that you now enjoy." But the people shouted again and again, "We will serve the Lord and Him only will we follow."

When Joshua saw that they had chosen rightly, he said, "Let us make a solemn agreement this day that you will put away the strange gods of this land from among you for ever, that you may serve our God with a perfect heart." So the people joined in a solemn covenant together, saying, "The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice

will we obey."

To show that they were in earnest and to mark the place of their promise, Joshua and the people set up a stone under an oak tree in Shechem and appointed it as a place of worship for the people of Israel.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What two things did Joshua help the Israelites to do?
2. Where did he speak his farewell words?
3. Of what did he first remind them?
4. What danger did he warn them against?
5. How did they answer Joshua's warning?
6. What did Joshua say about serving God?
7. What did he say would happen if the people fell into sin?
8. What choice did he offer them?
9. What side did they take?
10. What were the words of their covenant?
11. What is a covenant?
12. How did they show that they wished to remember it?
13. What is the Golden Text?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I should choose God now

**Primary Catechism—121.** What becomes of our bodies when we die? When we die our bodies return to dust.

**122.** What becomes of our souls when we die? The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

**Shorter Catechism—49.** Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

### Lesson Hymn

There is no name so sweet on earth,  
No name so sweet in heaven,  
The name before His wondrous birth  
To Christ the Saviour given.

*We love to sing around our King,  
And hail Him blessed Jesus;  
For there's no word ear ever heard  
So dear, so sweet as Jesus.*

And, when He hung upon the tree,  
They wrote His name above Him;  
That all might see the reason we  
For evermore must love Him.

So now upon His Father's throne,  
Almighty to release us  
From sin and pains He gladly reigns  
The Prince and Saviour, Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise

## Lesson VII.

## THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

November 16, 1902

Judges 2 : 7-16. Study Judges 2 : 7-19—Memory Verses, 18, 19.

**Golden Text**—They cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.—Ps. 107 : 19.



7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Josh'ua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Josh'ua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Is'rael.

8 And Josh'ua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nath-he'res in the mount of Eph'raim, on the north side of the hill Ga'ash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers : and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Is'rael.

11 And the children of Is'rael did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Ba'alim :

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of E'gypt, and followed other gods, of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Ba'al and Ash'taroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Is'rael, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them : and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as the great meeting at Shechem was over the Israelites returned to their homes, and soon afterwards Joshua, who was now one hundred and ten years old, died and was buried with great honor beside a hill in Ephraim.

One by one all the older men in Israel died also, until there were none left at all who could remember the crossing of the wilderness and the first coming of the people into Canaan.

While Joshua and the older men were among them to remind the people of the days when God had saved His people from the Egyptians and of His miracles at the Jordan and the Red Sea, most of the Israelites remained faithful to God. But as soon as there was no one to speak of the great wonders God had done for their fathers and grandfathers,

they forgot the covenant which had been made in the days of Joshua and fell into great sin. They said, "We are strong enough now to do without the Lord's help ; we may as well make friends with the heathen about us and join with them in the worship of their gods."

So the Israelites went to the heathen feasts and took part in the evil worship of Baal and Ashtaroth, which were the names of the chief god and goddess of the Canaanites. And they behaved so wickedly that they soon forgot the Lord and all that He had commanded their fathers, and they bowed themselves before the heathen images, teaching their children to worship gods of wood and stone.

Then the Lord was very angry with His people, and sent them a hard punishment such as He had warned them of in the days

of Joshua. Because of their sin the men of Israel lost all their strength in battle, so that they could no longer stand against their enemies, who now came and destroyed their homes and property and took away their wives and children as slaves. There was, besides, no wise leader among them such as Moses and Joshua had been, to tell the Israelites what to do; so that they were in the greatest distress and trouble. They knew not what to do.

Then they remembered the Lord and repented of the evil they had done, and when the Lord saw that they were willing and anxious to return to His ways, He freely forgave all their sins.

And God once more sent strong men among His people to be their leaders. Their new

rulers were called judges, and they put down the enemies of the Israelites from before them, so that in time they got back much that they had lost by their disobedience.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. How did the old men in Israel help the people to remember God?
2. Into what sin did the Israelites fall after the death of Joshua?
3. What kind of gods did the Canaanites worship?
4. What had God said should happen if the people disobeyed Him?
5. In what two ways did He now punish them?
6. What did they do when they were in great trouble?
7. How did the Lord show that He had forgiven their sin?
8. What did the judges do for the Israelites?
9. What is the Golden Text?

**HARRY'S FIRST SKATE**

Harry was buckling on his new skates for the first time. "Wait a moment," said his father, who had brought the children to the pond. "and I will help you to begin." "Oh, I don't need any help," said Harry. "It's as easy as anything," and away he went.

But before he knew it his head was where his feet ought to be, and there was a strange feeling in his head and a big lump upon it.

He lay still where he was until his father came to pick him up. In fact he had hurt himself more than any one knew, for he had struck a sharp stone in his fall and the doctor had to come and see him several times before he was better.

When he was well again, he was quite willing to let his father show him how to skate, but he had had a hard lesson.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**God hates sin**



**Primary Catechism—123.** What is heaven? Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is. **124. What is hell?** Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

**Shorter Catechism—50.** What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

**Lesson Hymn**

One is kind above all others—  
O how He loves!  
His is love beyond a brother's—  
O how He loves!  
Earthly friends may fail or leave us,  
One day soothe, the next day grieve us:  
But this friend will ne'er deceive us—  
O how He loves!

Amen.

—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

## Lesson VIII.

## WORLD'S TEMPERANCE LESSON November 23, 1902

Isaiah 28 : 1-7. Study Isaiah 28 : 1-13 - Memory Verse 7.

**Golden Text**—They also have erred through wine.—Isa. 28 : 7.

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Eph'raim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Eph'raim, shall be trodden under feet:

4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine,

and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

There was another sin besides that of idol-worship into which some of the children of Israel fell long after the death of Joshua, and that was the sin of drunkenness. Those who behaved most wickedly in this thing were the rich people of the northern tribes, especially the tribe of Ephraim.

To these people God had given a magnificent country, splendid homes and rich gardens and vineyards and fig orchards, so that there was no people in all Canaan who were so favored.

But instead of using God's gifts for the good of themselves and others, they spent their time in idleness and pleasure, drinking at one another's tables from golden bowls, sleeping upon couches of carved ivory, and feasting day and night until their bodies were worn out, and their minds grew dull and stupid. Worse than all, even the priests and teachers of God's house had followed in the same sin, so that God could no longer accept the sacrifices and

offerings they made in the temple.

But there was one man in Israel, God's faithful prophet Isaiah, who saw that, unless the men of Ephraim changed their ways, a great trouble would come upon themselves and through them to the whole nation.

So Isaiah went to Jerusalem, where the chief rulers of Israel were assembled, and warned them against allowing the sin of the Ephraimites to go on any longer.

"For," said Isaiah, speaking God's words, "Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim, and woe to the fine cities and the glorious beauty of their fields and olive-gardens. I tell you that the Lord will punish them. He will allow their great enemies, the cruel and terrible Assyrians, to come upon them like a flood and a tempest of hail and a destroying storm. And the beauty of their chief city shall be trodden under foot by the heathen, as quickly as a man would pluck and eat the first ripe fig from his orchard in the summer.

Woe also to yourselves who are of the tribe of Judah, for even among your people, who have always been the first to serve God, some have gone astray through bad company and strong drink.

"But," said the prophet, "at the same time God will not forget the few even in Ephraim who have kept themselves pure in spite of the evil and sin around them. He will bless them and fight for them and protect them, just as surely as He will punish their foolish and drunken companions."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what great sin besides idol-wor-

ship did the Israelites fall? 2. What tribe had sinned most through strong drink? 3. What kind of country had the Ephraimites? 4. How did they spend their time? 5. Who besides the common people behaved wickedly and shamelessly? 6. Who was the Lord's prophet at this time? 7. What kind of man was Isaiah? 8. What terrible punishment did he say God would send upon the drunkards of Israel? 9. What became of their homes? 10. What kind of people were the Assyrians? 11. How did God promise to treat those who were faithful? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### THE STORY OF TWO BOYS

Roy Phillips and Horace Strong were standing one evening at the Phillips' gate.

"I must go in now, Horace," said Roy.

"Oh nonsense!" said Horace, "Come along down street and see the other fellows. It's a fine night and we can have some fun."

"No, thanks, I prefer to go inside," said Roy, going in to do his lessons for to-morrow, after which he played for a while with his little brother and went quietly to bed.

Horace Strong ran down to the corner where several boys were loitering about. Cigarettes were produced and those who did not smoke were laughed at. An unkind trick was played upon a poor widow near by, and after some idle talk the boys went home at a late hour.

This was not Horace's first evening out, nor his last. Gradually he lost interest in his home and school and thought he would learn a trade. But because he was not in earnest he soon lost his place. He drifted from one thing to another until the last heard of him was that he was arrested in a western town for drunkenness.

Roy Phillips, on the other hand, worked when he worked and played when he played. After leaving school he too learned a trade and because he had formed no idle or indulgent habits, he soon became a skilled workman and to-day is a junior partner in his firm and respected by all who know him.

Which of these boys had really the better time?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Strong Drink is Dangerous

**Primary Catechism—125.** What did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming again? Jesus told His disciples that He would come again, to judge the world.

**Shorter Catechism—51.** What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

### Lesson Hymn

There's a wicked spirit  
Watching round you still,  
And he tries to tempt you  
To all harm and ill.

Christ is your own Master,  
He is good and true,  
And His little children,  
Must be holy too.

Amen.

—Hymn 529, Book of Praise

Lesson .IX. **GIDEON AND THE THREE HUNDRED** November 30, 1902

Judges 7 : 1-8. Study Judges 7 : 1-8, 16-21—Memory Verses, 19-21.

**Golden Text**:—It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.—  
—Ps. 118 : 8.

1 Then Jerubba'al, who is Gid'eon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Ha'rod: so that the host of the Mid'ianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Mo'reh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gid'eon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Mid'ianites into their hands, lest Is'rael vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gil'ead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said unto Gid'eon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gid'eon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gid'eon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mid'ianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Is'rael every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Mid'ian was beneath him in the valley.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

One of the worst enemies into whose hands the Israelites had fallen because of their sin in worshipping idols were the Midianites, who in the time of the Judges came swarming over the country like grasshoppers, bringing their tents with them and setting their camels to feed in the rich corn-fields of Canaan.

From these people the Israelites were forced to take shelter in the dens and caves of the mountains, where they cried out day and night to God to deliver them.

Now there lived in a little town on the west of Jordan a young man named Gideon, famous for his strength and courage. One day when he was secretly threshing wheat in a corner of the rocks because of the Mid-

ianites, he heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Go forth and save Israel out of the hands of their enemies! Do not I send thee?"

Then the spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and taking a trumpet he blew on it a call to the men of Israel to come out to battle. And he chose for his camp a place beside a well on the side of Mount Gilboa, from which he could see all the hosts of the Midianites encamped in the valley below.

Now the number of soldiers who came to fight under Gideon were more than thirty thousand, while the army of the Midianites was four times as large. But the Lord said to Gideon, "You have far too many men. If they win this battle they might boast that it was because of their own



strength or greatness. Now say to your soldiers that any among them who are afraid may go home."

When Gideon gave the message, twenty-two thousand drew back, leaving only ten thousand brave enough to fight. But God said, "There are too many still. When you bring your men down to the spring to drink, every man whom you see kneeling down and putting his mouth to the edge of the water, shall stand on one side, while those who dip up water with their hands shall stand on the other side."

Among the ten thousand there were three hundred who dipped up water with their hands, and the Lord said to Gideon, "These are they whom I have chosen to go with you; let all the rest go home."

Then Gideon gave each of his chosen men an empty pitcher, and a lighted torch within the pitcher. And at midnight they stole down secretly into the sleeping camp of the Midianites, when at a signal from Gideon the three hundred, breaking their pitchers and waving the torches and blowing on the

trumpets, sprang with a great shout upon the enemy, taking them completely by surprise.

Supposing from the noise, that they were surrounded by a great army, the Midianites fell into confusion, stabbing one another by mistake in the dark. In this way nearly their whole army was destroyed. So the Lord delivered them into the hands of Gideon.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the Midianites trouble Israel?
2. Where did the people take refuge from them?
3. What kind of man was Gideon?
4. To what work did God call him?
5. How did he gather an army?
6. Why did God say he had too many soldiers?
7. How were they first made less?
8. What plan did God tell Gideon at last to take to decide who should go?
9. How many were finally chosen to go with him?
10. What plan did Gideon take for overcoming the Midianites?
11. How did he succeed?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### JOAN OF ARC

Many years ago there lived a little French girl who could neither read nor write, but she could spin and sew. She was a kind, gentle little girl, and she asked God to give her something to do to show her love for truth and right.

Every day she watched the sheep in the fields. One day a voice spoke to her. It said, "Joan, God wants you to do something for Him. Keep yourself pure and sweet."

It was a long time before she heard the voice again. Then it said, "Joan, Maid of Truth, you can do something now for God. Fight for truth and right. Take this banner, ride this white horse, and lead the soldiers in battle."

Joan did as she was told. All the soldiers loved the brave girl and obeyed her. She led them well, won the fight and became one of the greatest heroines of her country.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**God will make me strong**

**Primary Catechism—126.** What will happen at the Judgment Day? At the Judgment Day the dead will be raised to life again; and Jesus will separate the good from the bad.

**Shorter Catechism—52.** What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

### Lesson Hymn

The Son of God goes forth to war,  
A kingly crown to gain;  
His blood-red banner streams afar:  
Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain;  
Who patient bears His cross below,—  
He follows in His train.

Amen.

—Hymn 250, Book of Praise

Ruth 1 : 16-22 - Memory Verses, 16, 17.

**Golden Text**—Be kindly affectioned one to another.—Rom. 12 : 10.



Mo'abitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Mo'ab : and they came to Beth'lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee : for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy people *shall* be my people, and thy God my God :

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried : the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19 So they two went until they came to Beth'lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth'lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Nao'mi?*

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Nao'mi, call me Ma'ra : for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty : why *then* call ye me Nao'mi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Nao'mi returned, and Ruth the

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

About the time that Gideon was judge in Israel, there lived a family at Bethlehem of four people, Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their two sons. Now because there was a famine in Canaan, Elimelech and his family went to live in the heathen country of Moab, where food was more plentiful.

Here the father died and the two sons married two women of Moab called Orpah and Ruth. After a time both young men died also, and there was no one left to support the household.

Then Naomi, who had grown homesick for her old friends and the worship of the true God, said she would go back to Bethlehem.

When she was ready to start, her two daughters-in-law went with her a little way to bring her on her journey. But when the time at last came for them to part, Ruth and Orpah felt so sorry for the lonely old woman that they offered to go back with her to her own people.

But Naomi answered while they all stood

weeping together, "Go home, my daughters. I can do nothing for you where I am going. Go home, and may God deal as kindly with you as you have done with me and my sons."

Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and turned back, but Ruth, who had learned from Naomi to trust in the God of Israel, said, "Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following you ; for where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay ; your people shall be my people and your God my God ; where you die I will die, and there shall I be buried ; may God punish me if anything but death shall ever part you and me."

So Ruth left her father and her sister and the country where she had been brought up and went with Naomi and comforted her for the loss of her husband and her two sons.

When they reached Bethlehem, and Naomi's old neighbors saw her, they cried, "Can this be the same Naomi who left us so happy ten years ago?" And she answered

sadly, "Never again call me Naomi, which means pleasant; call me Mara, meaning bitter, for I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty and has very greatly afflicted me."

Now it was the season of the barley harvest, and Ruth went at even into the fields, where she was allowed to glean behind the reapers, and in this way she took care of Naomi and supported herself, until God gave them a new home among His people in Israel.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Elimelech and his family

move away from Bethlehem? 2. Where did they go? 3. What happened to Elimelech in Moab? 4. Whom did his sons marry? 5. When they died what did Naomi say? 6. Why did she wish to return to Canaan? 7. Who went with her as she set out? 8. What did her daughters-in-law do to comfort her? 9. What did Ruth say when it came time to say good-by? 10. What did Ruth give up to show kindness to Naomi? 11. Why was she willing to go with her to Canaan? 12. At what season did they reach Bethlehem? 13. How did Ruth find bread for herself and Naomi? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### "GIVEUPPITY" -

Two little sisters, Daisy and Bess, had been given a parasol which they were to take turns in carrying; but mamma noticed that Bessie's time never seemed to come, although the unselfish little girl made no complaint.

One day, as they started for a walk, Bess said gently, "Isn't it my time to carry it, sister?"

"No, it's not; it's my time! I haven't had it hardly a bit," retorted Daisy, grasping the parasol with both hands.

"Daisy," said mama, "give it to your sister. She has let you have it every day and you must learn to give it up."

"O mama, I can't! There is no giveuppity in me," sobbed the little girl, dropping the parasol and hiding her face in her apron.

It is often hard for children, and grown people, too, to get "giveuppity" in their hearts. But without it the machinery of life soon begins to rub and wear, and there are many hearts made sad; so let us all cultivate "giveuppity."



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**I should love all men**



**Primary Catechism—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day?** Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever.

**Shorter Catechism—53. Which is the third commandment?**

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**54. What is required in the third commandment?**

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

### Lesson Hymn

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

Little deeds of love may shine,  
Little lives may be divine,  
Little ones be wholly Thine:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our thoughts be undefiled,  
May our words be true and mild,  
Make us each a holy child:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

## Lesson XI.

## THE BOY SAMUEL

December 14, 1902

1 Samuel 3 : 6-14. Study 1 Sam. 3 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 7-10.

**Golden Text**—Speak, Lord ; for thy servant heareth.—1 Sam. 3 : 9.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Sam'uel. And Sam'uel arose and went to E'li, and said, Here *am* I ; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son ; lie down again.

7 Now Sam'uel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Sam'uel again the third time. And he arose and went to E'li, and said, Here *am* I ; for thou didst call me. And E'li perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore E'li said unto Sam'uel, Go, lie down : and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD ; for thy servant heareth. So Sam'uel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Sam'uel, Sam'uel. Then Sam'uel answered, Speak ; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Sam'uel, Behold, I will do a thing in Is'rael, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it

shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against E'li all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house : when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth ; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of E'li, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Among those who came up every year to worship at the temple in Shiloh, during the time of the judges, was a woman called Hannah and her husband. The husband's name was Elkanah, and their home was at Ramah, which means "the hill."

Now Hannah had no children, and once when she was praying in God's house she asked the Lord to send her a little son, promising if God would so bless her she would lend the child to Him as long as he should live.

And God answered Hannah and sent her a little boy whom she called Samuel, meaning "asked of God."

When Samuel was about three years old, his mother took him to the temple, giving him in charge of Eli, the high priest ; with whom Samuel stayed, helping him to keep the temple in good order, trimming the lamps and running messages for the old

priest, who was now nearly blind. And Hannah, when she came to worship at the temple every year at the feast time, brought with her a new little coat for her boy, and over it Samuel wore a linen ephod or apron while he did his work. Thus the clothes that he wore reminded him of his mother and his home.

One night, when Samuel was about twelve years old, as he was sleeping in his bed in the temple, he heard a voice calling his name. The lamp before the holy of holies, which was lighted at sunset and burned until the morning, had not gone out, so that it could not be time to get up. What could the matter be? He ran quickly to Eli, thinking he must want something. As he ran he answered the call. He was too polite and considerate to keep the old man in doubt whether he had heard the call. But Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back and lie down." But again the voice called "Samuel," and

again the boy arose and went to Eli, who once more said that Samuel was mistaken and to go back to bed. But he had scarcely lain down when he heard the same voice calling, "Samuel! Samuel!" and for the third time Samuel got up and went to Eli's room. Then the old priest knew that it must be God who had called the boy, for as yet Samuel did not know the Lord's voice, and Eli said, "If you hear the voice again you must say, 'Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.'" "

Now Samuel, as soon as he had lain down again, heard his name spoken as before, and this time he answered as Eli had told him.

Then God told Samuel that he wanted him to take a message to Eli, telling him that because of the great wickedness of his two sons, the priests, whom he had not rebuked, although by their doings they were bringing disgrace upon the temple and its worship, He would send a terrible punishment upon him and them, such as should make the eyes

of all the people in Israel to burn with shame.

Then Samuel lay still in his bed until the morning. And when as usual he was opening the doors of the temple, and Eli asked him what the Lord had said, Samuel hid nothing from him, but told Eli exactly all the words that the Lord had spoken to him in the night.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did Hannah ask the Lord?
2. Why did she send her boy to live in the temple?
3. What did Samuel do there?
4. What was the high priest's name?
5. What happened one night when Samuel was asleep in God's house?
6. Whom did he think was calling him?
7. Who was speaking to him?
8. How many times did he hear the voice and go to Eli?
9. What did Eli tell him to do the last time?
10. What did God say to Samuel?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### THE OPEN EAR

O give me Samuel's ear,  
The open ear, O Lord,  
Alive and quick to hear  
Each whisper of Thy word—  
Like him to answer at Thy call,  
And to obey Thee first of all.

O give me Samuel's heart,  
A lowly heart, that waits  
Where in Thy house Thou art,  
Or watches at Thy gates,  
By day and night, a heart that still  
Moves at the breathing of Thy will.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**God has work for the young**



**Primary Catechism—128.** What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

**Shorter Catechism—55.** What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

### Lesson Hymn

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

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

1 Samuel 7 : 2-13—Memory Verses, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.—1 Sam. 7 : 3.**THE LESSON RETOLD**

Soon the word of the Lord which He had spoken to Samuel came true. And the punishment that came upon Israel through Eli and His two sons began in this way: The heathen Philistines, who had been enemies of God's people for many years, met the men of Israel and defeated them in battle.

Then the Israelites, thinking the presence of the holy ark of God might bring them the victory, wickedly sent and without God's leave took it from the temple at Shiloh, the two sons of Eli carrying it into the midst of the battle camp.

Now when the Philistines heard what had been done, they put forth an extra effort to overcome the soldiers of Israel. And they again defeated them, killing the two sons of Eli and carrying the ark into their own camp.

For a long time the ark remained with the

heathen Philistines, but it brought only plague and sickness to them: so that in course of time they gladly sent it back to the Israelites, who now had no place to keep it, for the temple at Shiloh had been destroyed in the war. Then for twenty years the ark stayed in the house of a man called Abinadab, whose son, Eleazar, saw that no harm came to it. God greatly blessed Abinadab's house, because the ark was there.

But the Philistines still troubled Israel, until the people cried out unto the Lord to have mercy upon them.

Then the Lord called Samuel, who had now grown to be a wise and good man, to help in bringing the great war to an end.

Samuel gathered the people of Israel together, asking them first of all if they were willing to give up the sin which had brought them into so much trouble and to serve the Lord only; and they all agreed.

Samuel then commanded them to gather together at Mizpeh. Here he prayed to the Lord to forgive the sins of his people; and after they had fasted and poured water on the ground as a sign of repentance, and had cried out together, "We have sinned against the Lord," they appointed Samuel to be their leader and judge.

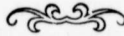
When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered at Mizpeh, they again marched their soldiers against the terrified Israelites, who ran to Samuel saying, "Cease not to cry for us unto God that He may save us from our enemies." Then Samuel took a lamb and, while the Philistines drew near to fight, he offered a sacrifice and prayed unto the Lord in the battlefield. And God heard him and sent a great thunderstorm, which so confused the Philistines that they all turned and fled before the men of Israel.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it to mark the place of the Lord's victory, calling it "Ebenezer," or the "Stone of Help." From that day, so long as Samuel was judge, the Philistines came no more into the coasts of Israel, for the Lord was now with His people, and the Philistines were afraid to fight against them.

**Questions on the Lesson**

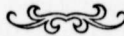
1. What heathen people again made war upon Israel? 2. Why did the Israelites send for the ark? 3. Why was this wrong? 4. What happened to it? 5. Who were punished in this battle? 6. Why did the Philistines return the ark? 7. Where was it kept for twenty years? 8. During this time how

did the Israelites suffer? 9. Whom did God send to help them against their enemies? 10. What did Samuel first make the people promise to do? 11. How did they show their sorrow for their sins? 12. How did God deliver them? 13. How did Samuel mark the place of the victory? 14. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**God hears my prayer**



**Primary Catechism—129. What is the last prayer in the Bible?** The Bible closes with the prayer,

“COME, LORD JESUS.”

**130. What is the last promise in the Bible?** The last promise in the Bible is,

“I COME QUICKLY.”

**Shorter Catechism—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?**

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

**Lesson Hymn**

More like Jesus when I pray,  
More like Jesus day by day,  
May I rest me by His side,  
Where the tranquil waters glide.

By the Spirit's grace renewed,  
By His love my will subdued,  
Rich in faith I still would be—  
Let my Saviour dwell in me.

Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

Luke 2: 8-20.

Some of the best pasture-fields in the land of Israel were just outside the town of Bethlehem. It was here that King David lived when as a boy he had taken care of his father's sheep, and for this reason the town was afterwards called the “City of David.”

One winter's night a long time after David and all his people were dead, some shepherds were sitting in these same sheep-fields watching that no evil beast came near to harm their flocks, which were sleeping on the hill-side near by.

Suddenly out of the darkness they saw all around them a bright light like the shining brightness of the Lord, and they were much afraid.

Then an angel stood beside them, saying, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ

the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you that the news is true; you shall go to Bethlehem and there you shall see the Holy Child, wrapped as any other babe in swaddling clothes, but lying in a manger.”

And immediately the air was filled with angels singing a heavenly song,—“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

When the singing had stopped and the angels were gone back into heaven, the joyful shepherds arose, and going in haste to Bethlehem, they found the child Jesus lying in a manger as the messengers had said, with Mary and Joseph watching beside Him.

When Mary heard the angel's message she wondered much what it might mean, but the shepherds went out and began to spread abroad the good news of the Saviour's birth, giving praise and glory to God.

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