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PLAYING GRANDMAMMA.

What a funny-looking little girl this is in grandmamma's cap and spectacles and with her knitting in her hand. And do you notice she is sitting in granny's chair. I wonder if she will soon fall off in a nap the way the dear old lady does.

 SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 4.] THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS. [JAN. 28.

Matthew 3. 13 to 4. 11.

GOLDEN TEXT—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3 17.

MEMORY VERSES, 16-17.—And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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

 LESSON STORY.

Jesus came to this earth to be our pattern, and to do the things which were right and good for us to do. Because he must live our life for us, he had to be tempted so that he might show us how to meet and overcome temptation. The Holy Spirit led him into the wilderness and there he stayed forty days and nights, praying and fasting, and learning all he could of God's will concerning him.

At last he began to be very tired and hungry, and then Satan came to tempt him. He did so want to keep Jesus from helping and saving poor sinners. That is just what he wants now when he comes to tempt us.

First Satan tried to get Jesus to make bread out of stones, but Jesus answered him with a verse from God's word. Then Satan tried another way. He wanted Jesus to do something to show his power over nature. But Jesus would not comply. At last Satan tried to bribe Jesus with the promise of great riches, and once more Jesus answered him out of God's word. When Satan went away God sent his angels to feed and comfort his dear Son. Do you find a lesson in this story? God wants us to know his word and to live by it.

 LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Jesus go after his baptism?

Into the wilderness.

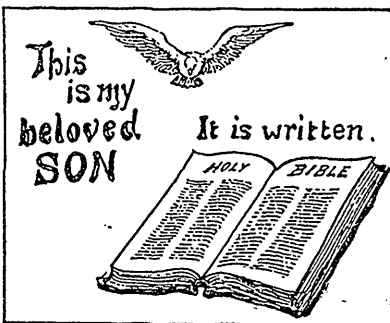
2. How long was he there?
Forty days.
3. What was he doing?
Learning God's will.
4. Who came to tempt him?
Satan.
5. What did he try to do?
To make Jesus forget God.
6. How can we meet temptation?
By keeping close to God.



When the tempter's voice I hear,
Jesus, Saviour, be thou near:
Let thy holy voice within
Be my sure defence from sin.

Why was God
well-pleased?

For two reasons, and he will be pleased with us, his little children, for the same reasons, if we do as Jesus did. First, Jesus, the Son, did what the Father wished. If we begin at the very beginning of life to do what our Father in heaven wishes us to do, it will grow easier; and we shall love to do it more and more. We cannot do it perfectly, as Jesus did, but we can keep trying, and keep doing better.



A BRIGHT REPLY.

A visitor at school, during geography lesson, asked a bright boy, "What is the axis of the earth?" "An imaginary line passing from one pole to the other, on which the earth revolves," answered he, proudly. "Yes," said his examiner, well pleased, "and could you hang a bonnet on it?" "Yes, sir." "Indeed! And what sort of a bonnet?" "An imaginary bonnet, sir."

THAT BOY.



Hurrah for me! I'm "that boy." Grandmother talks about me. She says: "There's that boy again!" I wonder if she wants me to be a girl? Then, whenever I go near the girls playing doll tea-party, they begin to grab up their things and cry: "Oh, there comes that boy!" I would just as soon be some other boy, but I can't. Papa asks, "What is that boy up to now?" just as though a boy didn't have to be up to something or—burst. What's wrong with being a boy? Papa was one, and grandma—she couldn't be.

Papa is always saying, "When I was a boy," but he never asks grandma to tell what she knows about that time. I guess it's all right to be a boy, or God wouldn't make so many: but maybe I'm not the best kind. I could please grandma and the girls better. I guess I'll try. I'm tired of being "that boy."

CASSIE'S CUP OF COLD WATER.

Cassie's teacher told them in Sabbath-school that if little girls could do no more, they could at least give a cup of cold water to some tired, thirsty person.

Dr. Mills took a long walk to see a sick man. He rested for a while on a log near Cassie's house. She saw him, and said to her mother: "Would he like a cup of cold water, do you think?"

"Yes, or milk, and gingerbread," said her mother.

Cassie ran down to Dr. Mills. and said: "Would you like a cup of water, or milk, and gingerbread?"

"I would like the cold water," said Dr. Mills.

"It's a cup of cold water in Jesus' name," said Cassie as she brought it. "Would you do this for Jesus?"