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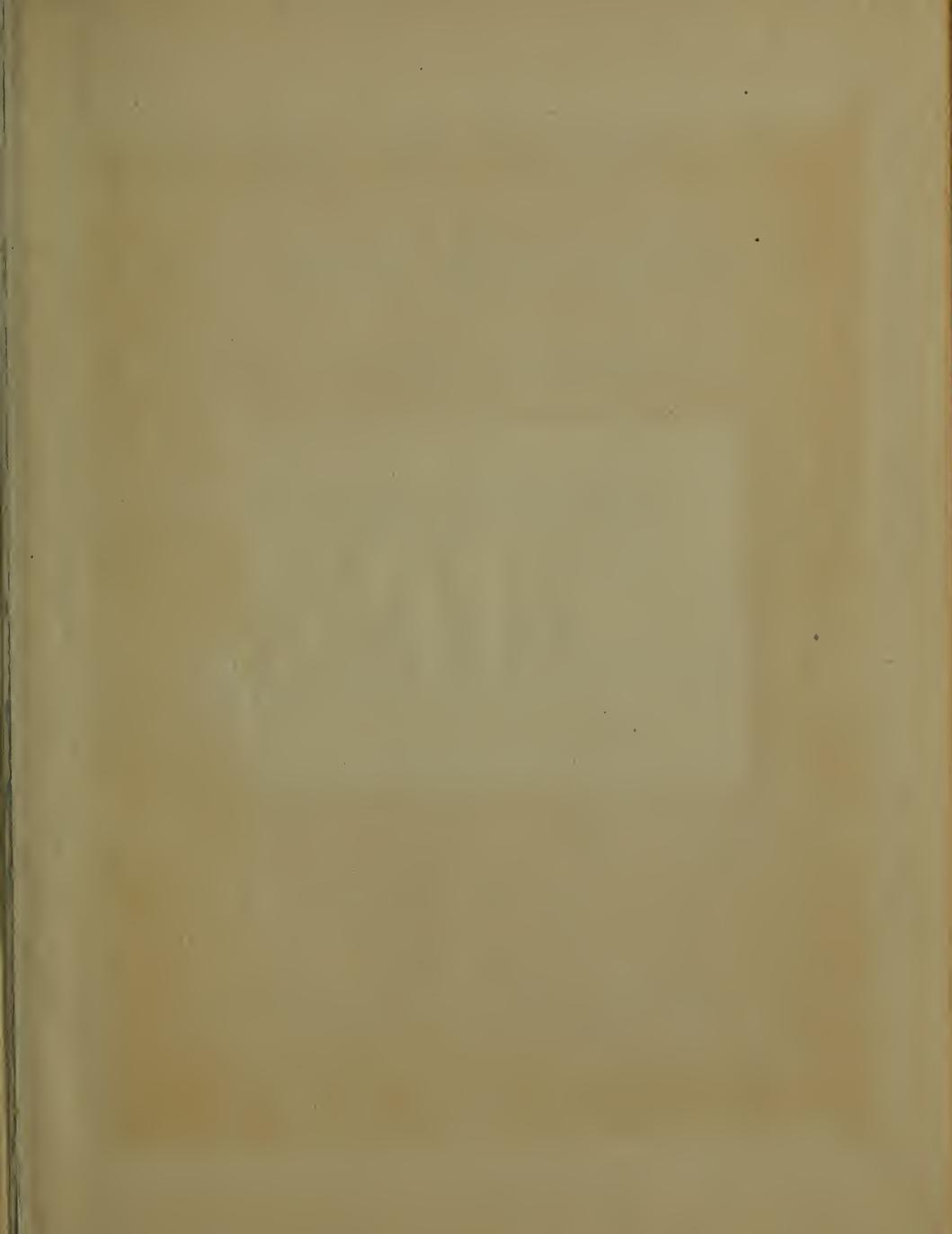
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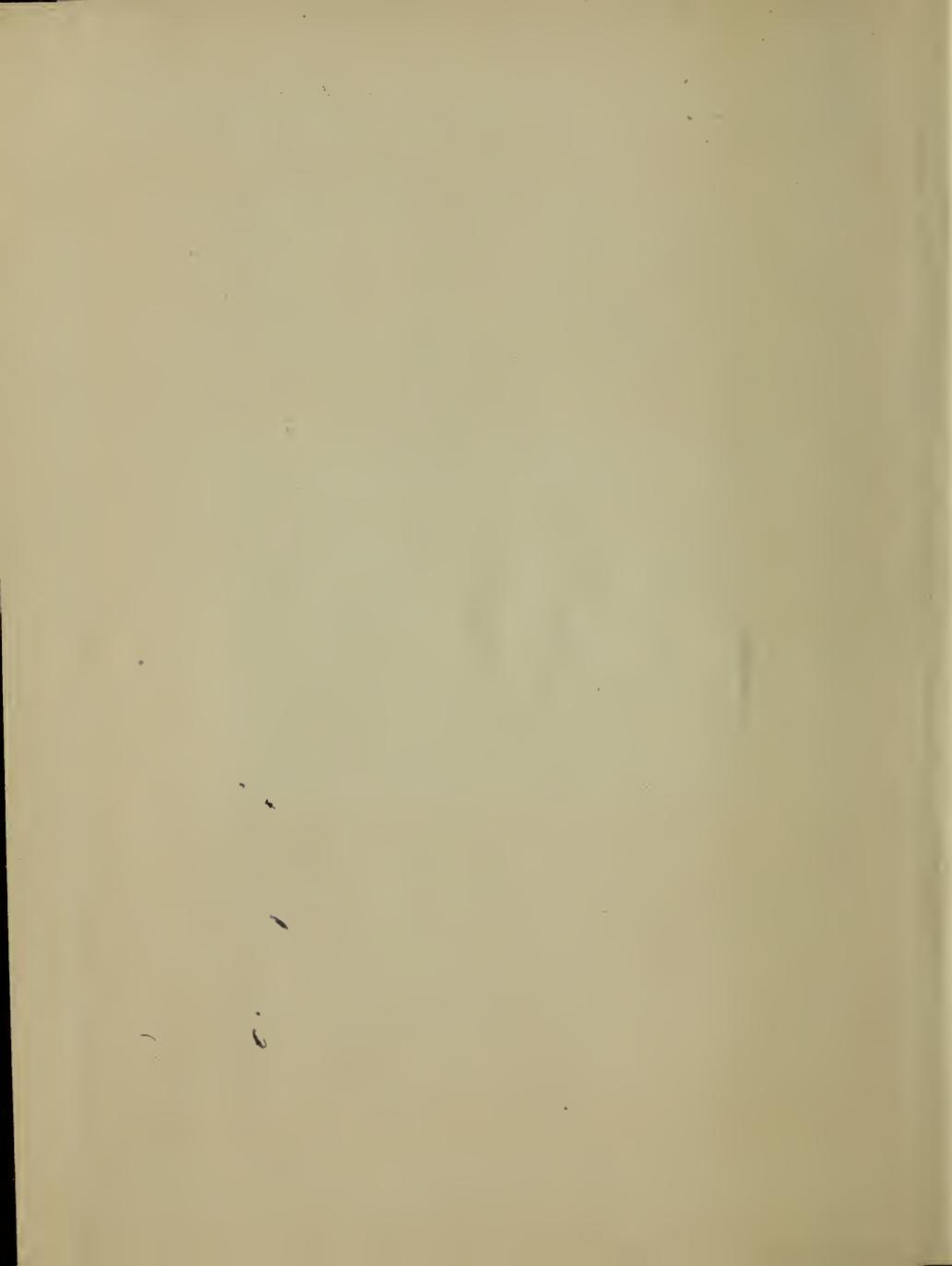
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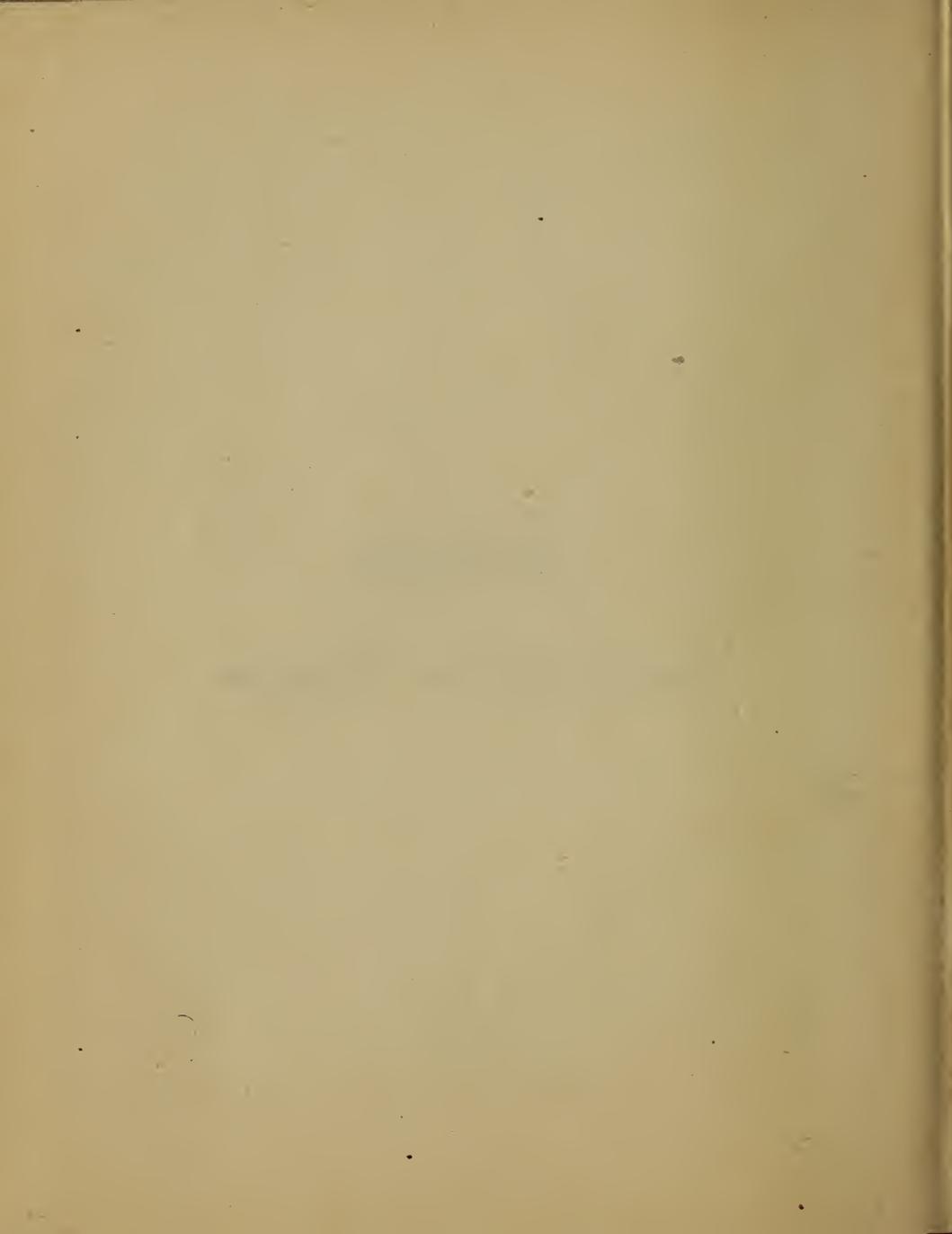
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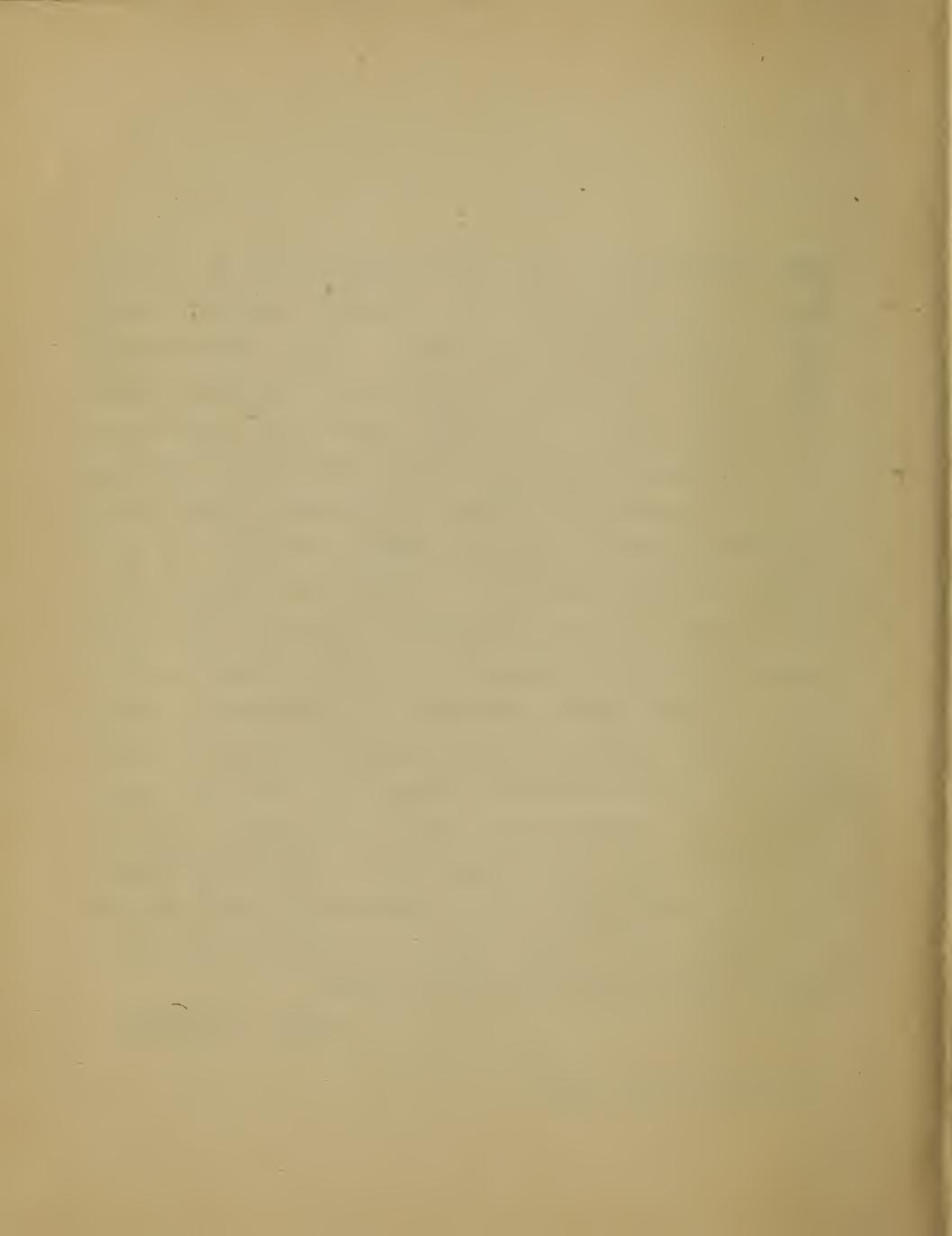
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MRS. C. H. SMITH.



# The First Sunday in Advent.

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LESSON WORD:

**GOD.**

TEXT : " I create new heavens and a new earth."—Isa. lxxv. 17.

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## LESSON STORY—THE CREATOR.

Who made this ball which I hold ? You think that it is pretty, and would like to play with it; but it will soon be worn out, and there is nothing in it. The great GOD in Heaven made a large ball for you and me to live on, and I want you to think how wonderful and beautiful it is. GOD filled it full of strange and precious things; great rocks which we can use for buildings, sparkling stones of many colors, which we call jewels; gold, silver, lead, copper; and layers of coal; oil and gas; for keeping us warm in cold weather and cooking our food.

This wonderful ball holds so much that men are never weary of studying and searching for its treasures. GOD has made the outside of it beautiful with green grass, pretty flowers, tall trees for shade and fruit, rushing waterfalls, and clear lakes and rivers. He hung it in the blue sky, with soft clouds around it, and His law kept it in its place. He hung around it other balls, the sun, moon and stars, to give it light. GOD made butterflies and worms, shining fishes to dart through the seas, and birds to sing and fly through the air. He made the pussies with their coats of soft fur, dogs and horses, the woolly sheep, and cows, and all the other

animals. He made them to be happy; and He made man to rule over the other creatures, and to be the happiest of all, because he has a soul and is made in GOD'S image. When GOD had made this wonderful ball, which He called earth, so beautiful and with so many happy creatures on it, He blessed them, for they were all "very good." GOD does not forget the work of His hands. He thinks of it and cares for it always. But yet, a day will come when we shall need this earth no longer, and it will be "burned up." GOD does not want His children to feel bad about this, for He can easily make another, and He has told us that He will make "new heavens and a new earth," far more beautiful than this one; and our dear Saviour has said that He will "prepare a place" for His loving children to live in forever.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- Who made the round world ?
- What did He hide within it ?
- What did He make to grow upon it ?
- What did He put in the sky to light it ?
- Whom did he make to enjoy it ?
- Does He love it and take care of it ?
- What will become of this beautiful world ?
- What has GOD promised to make in its place ?
- Who shall live on the new earth ?

#### PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, bless these Thy little children. Forgive their sins, and make them ready to receive the Lord

Jesus when He comes again to judge the world. That when this world comes to an end they may be happy with Thee in a more beautiful world forever. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

There's a Home for little children,  
 Above the bright blue sky ;  
 Where Jesus reigns in glory,  
 A Home of peace and joy.  
 No home on earth is like it,  
 Nor can with it compare,  
 For every one is happy,  
 Nor can be happier there.

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## The Second Sunday in Advent.

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LESSON WORD :

**MAN.**

TEXT: "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—1 Cor. xv. 20.

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LESSON STORY—ADAM.

Think now of the largest and prettiest garden you have ever seen ; for to-day I am going to tell you a story about the first Garden, far more beautiful than any other on the earth. GOD had filled it with the finest trees and sweetest flowers of every color. There were soft, grassy banks to

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rest upon, by clear, bright streams of water. The trees were full of fruit, the birds sang sweet songs, and the animals were all gentle and tame. There GOD put Adam and Eve, to take care of the Garden, and to enjoy and be glad in it. Angels came to visit them, and GOD, their heavenly Father, walked with them there. But there was one who could not bear to see them so good and happy. It was Satan, the old serpent. He thought he would try to make them do the one thing which their kind Father had told them not to do. GOD had said that they must not touch the fruit of one of the trees, and had warned them that they would surely die if they ate of it. So Satan, whom we call the devil, tempted Eve, telling her a lie, saying that she would not surely die, but would become very wise. Now when Eve saw that the fruit was good for food, and beautiful to look at, and thought that it would make her wise, she picked, and ate, and gave some to Adam, her husband, and he too ate of it. Then they were ashamed and afraid, and could not be happy. They were no longer "very good." They had done wrong for the first time. Their bodies also began to die; the poison commenced to work which would make them weak and sick and die, just as GOD had said. When toward evening they heard their heavenly Father's voice, they did not go gladly to meet Him, but tried to hide among the trees. This they could not do. GOD sent them out of the Garden, to work hard and suffer pain, and to die. You and I must do the same because we are children of Adam. There is another Man who is called "the last

Adam," who was also tempted by Satan, but He did not disobey as the first Adam had done. This was our Lord Jesus Christ. We were made His children when we were baptized, and all will live forever who abide in Him.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What beautiful place did GOD make on the earth?

Whom did GOD put in the Garden, to take care of and enjoy it?

What did He tell them not to do?

Who tempted them to eat of the fruit, and disobey GOD?

Who tries to make you do wrong?

What happened then to Adam and Eve?

Why do we have to work hard, suffer pain, and die?

Is there any one who was tempted, yet did no sin?

If we belong to Him, what will He do for us?

How can we become His children?

#### PRAYER.

Our Father in Heaven, bless Thy little children. Though they must die because they are children of Adam, grant that they may be alive in Christ forevermore. For E's dear sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

We are Jesus' little children,

Far more dear than all the flowers;

Dearer than the lambs and birds

Within their native bowers.

They have no Saviour, ours He is;

He died for us that we might live.

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## The Third Sunday in Advent.

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LESSON WORD:

### SIN.

TEXT: "Cain was of that wicked one, and slew his brother."—  
1 John iii. 12.

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#### LESSON STORY—CAIN AND ABEL.

GOD pitied Adam and Eve and comforted them. He clothed them with the skins of animals; which should keep us from being vain of our clothes, and make us think of the Lamb of GOD, who covers our sins with His goodness. GOD also told them that a child of theirs should "bruise the serpent's head." This promised Child was Jesus, our Saviour; but when God gave them a little boy, they named him Cain, for they thought that *he* was the gift. They had another son also, whom they named Abel. When they grew up, Abel kept sheep, and Cain tilled the ground. Abel loved GOD, and brought to Him the best lamb of his flock, the offering which GOD had commanded. But Cain was not willing to confess that he was a sinner, and needed the Lamb of GOD to die for him. He thought that it was enough if he said that GOD was his Father, and thanked Him for His gifts. He wanted to choose his own offering. So he brought slowly and without love of the fruits of the ground. Then he was angry because GOD accepted Abel's offering, and refused his own; and when they were alone in the field, he struck

Abel and killed him. The "wicked one," Satan, was still busy outside of the Garden, as he had been within it, and now he was making Cain like himself, by tempting him to kill his brother. Cain was the first murderer. Abel's blood cried to GOD to punish the one who had shed it. There is Another who was killed by wicked men, whose blood cried to GOD to forgive them. It was our dear Lord Jesus, the Lamb of GOD, who shed His precious blood that we might be forgiven. GOD had seen Cain's wicked act He had told him before that if he would do well, he too should be blessed.

But now He punished Cain, by sending him far away from Himself, where he could never be happy, or forget his wicked deed. Do you think that you could never do anything so wicked? Yet remember that we are like Cain 'the murderer, when we *hate* others.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSONS.

Who were the two first boys on the earth?

What had GOD promised to Adam and Eve?

Who was "the Seed of the woman" who should bruise the serpent's head?

Whom did Eve think was this promised gift?

What did Cain and Abel do when they grew up?

What offering did Abel make to GOD?

What did Cain bring as his offering?

Which offering did GOD accept?

How did Cain feel and act toward his brother?

How did GOD punish him?

What children now are like Cain?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, bless Thy little children and help them to love one another. Keep them from "that wicked one," Satan; and wash away all their sins in Jesus' precious blood. For His dear sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Little children, love each other,  
 Is the blessed Saviour's rule;  
 Every little one is brother  
 To his mates at Sunday-school.  
 We're all children of one Father,  
 The great GOD who reigns above;  
 Shall we quarrel? no, much rather  
 Would we be like Him,—all love.

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## The Fourth Sunday in Advent.

LESSON WORD:

**END.**

TEXT: "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."—S. MATT. xxiv. 37.

LESSON STORY—NOAH.

GOD gave Adam and Eve another son, named Seth, who comforted them for the loss of Abel, by his love and obedience. Many years passed by, and men began to

multiply on the earth. Cain's children and grandchildren were like him in not loving GOD nor caring to please Him; and even the sons of Seth grew wicked, until at last there was only one man left who loved and served GOD. His name was Noah. GOD showed him how to build a great boat, an ark, to save him and his family, because GOD was going to send a flood of waters to drown all the wicked. Noah was one hundred years in building it; and during all that time he preached to the people, begging them to be sorry for their sins and to do right. But they only laughed at him, and would not believe that there could be any flood. At last Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives, and many animals, went into the ark, and GOD shut them in. There they were safe when the terrible flood came. "The great deep was broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." It rained forty days and forty nights; and every living thing died. But the waters bore up the ark and it floated upon them. The waters covered the earth for one hundred and fifty days. The Bible tells us that the ark in which "eight souls were saved by water," is a figure, or picture, of Holy Baptism. We are taken into the Ark of Christ's Church when we are baptized, and we shall be safe within it when this world comes to an end, if we love and obey GOD as Noah did. Baptism is the only door by which we can enter the Ark, Christ's Church. There are many people now who do not live as if they believed that this world would ever come to an end. But it will come to those who forget GOD, as suddenly as the flood came. Our

Lord Jesus, who is the Son of Man, says this, and His words are all true. We must watch, and think about His coming again, and try to be ready, that we may be glad to meet Him, and go to the new Home which he has prepared for us.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What did the world grow to be ?  
 Who was the only good man left ?  
 How did GOD say He would destroy the wicked?  
 What did He tell Noah to build for his safety ?  
 How many years was he in building it ?  
 What else did he do while He built it ?  
 Would the people believe what He told them ?  
 How many were saved in the ark ?  
 Will this world ever come to an end ?  
 What has GOD prepared for our safety?  
 What is the only door to the Ark of Christ's Church ?  
 Shall we be safe unless we love and obey GOD as Noah did?  
 What will the Son of Man then come to do ?

#### PRAYER.

Almighty GOD, give Thy little children grace to love and obey Thee in this wicked world, as holy Noah did. That when our Lord shall come again, He may find us within His Ark, and ready and glad to meet Him. For His merit's sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

Behold the Ark of GOD!  
 Behold the open door!  
 How blest, within that dear abode,  
 And safe forevermore!

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## The Sunday After Christmas Day.

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LESSON WORD:

**ONE.**

TEXT: "That He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."—S. John vi. 52.

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LESSON STORY—SHEM, HAM AND JAPHET.

GOD did not forget Noah and his family and the animals which were in the ark. He stopped the rain, the waters grew less, and the ark stood still on the top of a mountain called Ararat. Noah opened the window of the ark, and sent forth two birds, a raven and a dove. The dove came back to him at first, for she could find nothing to stand upon; when he sent her out again, she came back with an olive leaf in her mouth; and the third time he sent her out, she did not come back. So Noah knew that the ground would soon be dry. At last, GOD told them to come forth. How glad they must have been to stand once more on the green earth, and see the bright sunshine. They worshipped GOD, and gave Him thanks for His kind care of them. GOD made a covenant with Noah, and said that there should never be another flood to destroy the earth. The rainbow is GOD's sign of His promise. GOD also said that "seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, day and night should not cease" so long as the earth lasts.

The children of Noah's sons were not all thankful and loving to GOD. Many of these wandered away from Ararat, journeying on and on, until they came to a great plain, called Shinar. There they commenced to build a city and a high tower which they thought would reach heaven. GOD looked on all that they were doing, and He was not pleased, for He saw that they were full of pride, and were trying to fight against Him. So He quickly stopped their work by making them speak different languages instead of the same one as before. The tower was not finished because they could not understand each other, and they were scattered in all directions. The city was named Babel, which means confusion. This is the reason why there are so many nations in the world. GOD's dear Son came as a little Baby to this earth, that He might gather all nations into one people, who should love Him and each other. Even little ones like you can do something to help in bringing all the children in the world to be His children, and one family in Him.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- When the flood was over, where did the ark rest ?  
What did Noah and his family do when they came out of the ark ?  
What promise did GOD make to Noah ?  
What sign did GOD give of His promise that there should never be another flood to destroy the earth ?  
Did all of the children of Noah's sons love and fear GOD ?

To what place did they travel?  
What did they commence to build?  
Why was GOD not pleased with their work?  
How did He stop them from building?  
What then did they have to do?  
Who came to this earth to gather all nations into one  
people?  
In what way can you help to bring them together?

PRAYER.

Blessed Jesus, who didst come to earth as a little Baby.  
to gather into one people all who will love and serve Thee.  
Help these Thy little once to receive Thee into their hearts.  
Bless all the little children in the world, and grant that  
they all may be one happy family in Thee forever. Amen.

HYMN.

Once in Bethlehem of Judah,  
Far away across the sea,  
There was laid a little Baby  
On a Virgin-mother's knee.  
O Saviour, gentle Saviour!  
See, Thy little children come,  
Gathered from ev'ry nation,  
To Thee who art our King.

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## The Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

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LESSON WORD:

**SIGN.**

TEXT: "It is a sign between Me and you."—Ex. xxxi. 13.

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LESSON STORY—ABRAHAM.

Our story to-day is about three words—*sign*, *promise*, *covenant*. Can you tell me what the rainbow is a *sign* of? What do you mean by a *promise*? Something that you have said that you would surely do, is it not? If you speak the truth, we can feel sure you will keep your promise. GOD makes promises. We know that He will keep them, because He is truth itself. GOD gives us a sign with some of His promises to remind us that He will surely keep them. I shall not ask you now to tell me what the word cov-e-nant means, but only to listen well while I tell you about it. When our first parents, Adam and Eve, were shut out of the beautiful Garden, because they did not obey GOD, He did not shut them out of His heart. He taught them how to worship Him and promised them One to save them and take them to a better Paradise than the one they had left. When Noah and his family thanked and praised GOD after leaving the ark, He made a covenant with them. They might have been afraid that another flood would come, but GOD made them feel very safe and

happy, because He promised that there should never be another flood, and hung the rainbow in the cloud as the sign of His promise. Noah promised also to love and obey GOD. GOD again made a covenant with Abraham. GOD promised to give him the country of Canaan, and Abraham promised to love and obey GOD. GOD told Abraham to put the sign of this covenant on every man-child of his, and Abraham obeyed; and all who bore this sign were called Jews, or circumcised. There is still another covenant which GOD has made with Christians. GOD promised to make you His own child when you were baptized, and to give you a share in His heavenly country, and your sponsors promised for you that you would love and obey Him. The sign of GOD's covenant with you is the water in which you were baptized with the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The sign of the cross was put upon your forehead, and it shows that you belong to our Lord Jesus, who at this time was a tiny baby, only eight days old, when He was circumcised and made a member of GOD's Church. He was one of Abraham's children, and a Jew by birth. This teaches us, too, that babies ought to be baptized when they are very little, for fear that they may be sick or die without having been made one of Christ's little ones. And now you may be very happy, as long as you are trying to please this kind Heavenly Father, for you are not only the work of His hands whom He cares for, but His dear little child, whom He loves most tenderly, and rejoices over.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What is the rainbow a sign of ?  
 What is a promise ?  
 What is a cov-e-nant ?  
 Why are we sure that GOD will keep His promises ?  
 What promise did GOD make to Adam and Eve ?  
 What promise did GOD make to Noah and his family ?  
 What promise did GOD make to Abraham ?  
 What was their part in the covenant which GOD made with them ?  
 What was the sign of GOD's covenant with Abraham ?  
 What has GOD made with you ?  
 What is the sign of GOD's covenant with you ?  
 Who gave you your name ?  
 What did your sponsors then for you ?  
 When was our Lord Jesus circumcised and made a member of GOD's Church ?  
 What does this teach us to do ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee look upon these Thy children by adoption and grace, and daily renew them by Thy Holy Spirit. Grant that all sinful affections may die in them, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them. Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph against the devil, the world and the flesh. That they may inherit Thy heavenly Kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN.

In token that thou shalt not fear  
 Christ crucified to own,  
 We print the cross upon thee here,  
 And stamp thee His alone.  
 Thus outwardly and visibly  
 We seal thee for His own.  
 And may the brow that wears His cross,  
 Hereafter share His crown.

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## The First Sunday After the Epiphany.

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LESSON WORD:

**ALL.**

TEXT—"In Thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."  
 —Gen. xxii. 18.

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LESSON STORY—ABRAHAM (*cont.*)

Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. One of Shem's descendants, that is a great great grand-child, was a man named Abram. GOD told him to leave his home and go to a strange land, which he would give him ; and because he believed GOD, and feared and loved Him with all his heart, he obeyed, not knowing where he was going. He had to cross a wide river and a sandy desert,

and then he came to a country called Canaan, which was full of heathen people. At every place where he stayed awhile for rest, he built an altar to the one true GOD, his GOD, and worshipped Him. He had with him his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot. GOD made them rich, in cattle, in silver, and in gold. Their servants, however, did not live in peace, and this grieved Abram. So he told Lot to go to that part of the land which pleased him best, and he would go to another place. Lot chose all the plain of Jordan, which was like a garden; but he was punished afterward for his selfishness, for he had to live amongst a very wicked people, whom GOD at last destroyed by burning their cities. For Abram's sake, He brought Lot and his daughter out of the overthrow, but his wife, who looked longingly back, became a pillar of salt. GOD made a covenant with Abram, and gave him the new name of Abraham, which means "father of many nations." GOD blessed him, and told him that the land of Canaan, where he was then a stranger, should surely be his forever; that his children should be very many, like the sand of the sea, or the stars of heaven; and that all the nations of the earth should be blessed in One of them. That promised child is Jesus, who came to save all men, everywhere. For His sake, GOD has made a covenant with you in Baptism,—has promised to bless and help you here if you will obey Him, and give you a share in the heavenly Canaan.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- Whom did GOD send to a strange land ?  
Why was he willing to go?  
What was the name of the strange country?  
Who lived in it ?  
What did Abram do in the place where he pitched his tent?  
What did GOD make with Abram?  
What new name did He give him?  
What did He promise to give him?  
What did He say of his children?  
What should One of them do ?  
Does GOD make a covenant with you?  
Does He want to bring all into His covenant?  
What ought you to do that Abraham did?

## PRAYER.

Almighty GOD, give Thy little children grace to obey Thee without asking why, as did faithful Abraham. Send the light of Thy dear Son into the dark places of the earth, that all nations may be blessed in Him, as Thou hast promised. For his merit's sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Know ye not that lowly Baby, was the bright and morning  
Star,  
He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darkened isles afar  
And we too may seek His cradle, there our heart's best  
treasures bring,  
Love and faith and true devotion, for our Saviour, GOD, and  
King.

## Second Sunday After the Epiphany.

LESSON WORD:

**FAITH.**

TEXT: "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac."—  
Heb. xi. 17.

LESSON STORY--**ABRAHAM** (*concluded.*)

Abraham had already shown that he loved GOD and would obey him; and GOD gave him a son in his old age, Isaac, the first of all the promised children. But GOD tried Abraham's faith. He asked him to offer up to Him on an altar that precious little boy. Could Abraham do this? Yes. He would do *anything* that GOD asked of him. He gave Isaac, his son, the wood to carry, and took fire and a knife, and they went together to the mountain which GOD had told him of. He bound Isaac and laid him on the altar. But GOD would not let him kill him, He had provided a lamb which Abraham offered up instead of his son. And He blessed Abraham in every way, and made him a rich, happy man. He was like GOD Himself, who gave His only Son to die for us. If we are like Abraham, we shall be sure that all GOD does is right, and shall be glad to obey Him, even if we cannot understand the reason for all that He tells us to do. Then we too shall please GOD, and receive the good things He has promised to us.

QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What was the name of Abraham's son?

How did GOD try Abraham's faith?

Why did He try Abraham?

Was Abraham willing to give GOD the dearest thing he had?

What did he do?

Why was he willing to offer Isaac to GOD?

Did GOD let him kill Isaac?

Whom was Abraham like?

How did GOD bless Abraham?

Does GOD try the faith of each one of us?

Will He bless and reward us if we believe Him?

#### PRAYER.

Almighty GOD, help Thy little ones from their hearts to believe that Thou doest always that which is right and best. Help them to show their faith by bearing patiently the pain Thou dost send, and by gladly doing all Thou dost ask of them. That when they are tried, they may be faithful like Abraham, and receive Thy reward. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

'Tis GOD who daily gives us  
Our clothing and our food;  
In sickness He relieves us,  
And is in all things good.

But works that are far greater  
His love for us hath done;  
And sent us blessings sweeter  
Through Christ, His only Son.

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## The Third Sunday After the Epiphany.

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LESSON WORD:

### TYPE.

TEXT: "This Melchizedek, made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."—Heb. vii. 1, 3.

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### LESSON STORY—MELCHIZEDEK.

Abraham was a peace-maker; but he was not afraid to fight when it was needful. The news came one day to his quiet home, that Lot, his nephew, had been taken captive, with all that he had, by some kings who were fighting against Sodom. Then Abraham quickly armed three hundred of his trained servants, and went after them, and smote them by night, so that they fled. Then he brought back Lot, and all of his goods.

When he was on his way home, he came near Jerusalem. It was then called Salem. And Melchizedek, king of Salem, who was also "the priest of the most high God," "brought forth bread and wine"; and he blessed Abraham. Then Abraham gave him a tenth part of all that he had taken from the enemy. Melchizedek was a type of Christ, who is "an High-priest forever after the order of Melchisedek." The bread and wine was also a type of the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, which Christ's people now eat to remember His death, and by which their souls are fed and refreshed. When you are confirmed,

you too must come often and be fed, or your souls will grow sickly and die. Christ's priests now give us His blessing, which Melchizedek gave to faithful Abraham. We also, like him, ought to give to Christ and His Church a tenth part of all that GOD gives to us.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What sad thing happened to Abraham's nephew, Lot?

What did Abraham do when he heard of it?

What was he able to do by GOD's help?

What city did he stop at on his way home?

Who "brought forth bread and wine?"

Who was Melchizedek?

Of whom was he a type?

What is the "bread and wine" like?

What did Melchizedek give to Abraham?

What did Abraham give to him?

What should we give to Christ and His Church?

What do Christ's priests give to us?

When can we receive the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper?

What part of us is fed and made strong in the Lord's Supper?

What must we remember as often as we receive it?

#### PRAYER.

Holy Jesus, our High-priest forever; look with love upon these Thy little ones, and bless them. Feed them with the Bread of Life. Give them to drink of living water. And save them for thy merit's sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Open now the crystal fountain  
 Whence the living waters flow;  
 Let the fiery, cloudy Pillar,  
 Lead us all our journey through.  
 Feed us with the heavenly Manna,  
 In this barren wilderness;  
 Be our sword, and shield, and banner,  
 Be the Lord our Righteousness.

414, CHURCH HYMNAL.

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## The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany.

LESSON WORD:

**ESCAPE.**

Text: "God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the overthrow."—Gen. xix. 29.

## LESSON STORY—LOT.

One warm day, as Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent, he looked up and saw three men standing near him. Abraham was always very hospitable, very kind to strangers. He rose quickly and ran to meet them, and bowing low, he begged them to honor him by being his guests. So they rested under a tree; and Abraham went and told Sarah his wife to have cakes baked on the hearth; and he ran to get a tender calf, and had that dressed and cooked. Then he brought these, with butter and milk,

and waited upon them while they ate. Now Abraham's guests were not men, as it seemed at first, but the LORD with His angels; and they had come to bless Abraham and Sarah, and to promise that they should have a son, which they greatly desired. The LORD did not hide from Abraham that he was going to Sodom and Gomorrah, in the plain of Jordan where Lot lived, to destroy these wicked cities. Then Abraham prayed to the LORD to spare the city if fifty good men should be found there. And the LORD said that He would spare Sodom if He found fifty who tried to please Him. But Abraham feared that there might not be fifty, and so he kept on praying, though he said very humbly that he was but dust and ashes, and not worthy to speak to GOD. He asked again that GOD would spare the city for the sake of forty-five, then for forty, then for thirty, then for twenty, then for the sake of ten good people who might be in it. But the LORD did not find even ten in wicked Sodom. There was only Lot, and a part of his family. These the Angel brought out of the city and sent them to a safe place, because the LORD remembered Abraham and his earnest prayers for them. Now we can learn two things from this story. We ought always to be kind to strangers; we too "may entertain an angel unawares," that is, without knowing it. Then we may pray for each other, for those we love, for those who have done wrong and gone astray, for those who do not know of GOD their Saviour. GOD will hear and answer our prayers, if we serve GOD faithfully, as Abraham did.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who came to visit Abraham?

How did Abraham receive the three Angels?

What did the LORD tell Abraham that He was going to do?

Who lived in the wicked city of Sodom?

Was it right for Lot to go and live among wicked people, just because the place was rich and beautiful?

Had he been already punished for doing so?

What did Abraham do when he heard the LORD say that Sodom might be destroyed?

How did GOD answer his prayers for Sodom?

Whom did GOD bring out of the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah?

Why did GOD bring Lot out of the overthrow?

Amongst what kind of people ought we choose our homes?

Does GOD like to have us pray for anyone beside ourselves?

For whom ought we to pray?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, hear and answer the prayers of Thy little children for one another. Help them, like faithful Abraham, to live near to Thee; and to love and be kind to everybody, for Christ's sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,

Make on earth an Eden  
Like the Heaven above.

Little prayers we utter,  
Little hymns we sing,  
Jesus hears and answers,  
Our great and loving King.

121 p., GOODRICH, S. S. Hyl.

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## Septuagesima Sunday.

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LESSON WORD:

**PEACE.**

TEXT: "Isaac went out to pray in the field at the eventide."—Gen xxiv. 63.

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LESSON STORY—ISAAC.

Abraham had called his son Isaac, which means "laughter," and had made a great feast on that day because he and his wife Sarah were so happy. Isaac grew up, a quiet, gentle boy, like the lamb which he was willing to be when he carried the wood for his father's offering. He was like Christ, the Lamb of God, who carried the heavy Cross of wood, on which He gave up His life for us. He, too, loved GOD, and at even he used to go into the field to be alone that he might think of GOD and pray to Him. All of

GOD'S children should take some quiet moments every day to be alone and think of Him. Our dear Lord Jesus used to spend whole nights on the mountain-tops praying to His heavenly Father. On this Sunday our mother Church calls on her children to think and pray more earnestly. Isaac was a peace-maker; that is, he would not quarrel. When others tried to get the wells that his servants had dug, he would not fight for them, but moved away and dug others. Christian children must not quarrel, but try to make peace among others, for our Saviour says: "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of GOD."

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

How did Abraham and Sarah show their joy when GOD gave them a son ?

What kind of a boy was Isaac ?

How was he like Christ, the Lamb of GOD ?

Why did he go alone into the field ?

What does the Church on this Sunday ask her children to do ?

How did Isaac show himself a peace-maker ?

What does Christ say about peace-makers ?

Can you be happy without being at peace ?

If you think of GOD and pray to Him and try to make peace, what will you be ?

#### PRAYER.

O Thou great and good GOD, teach Thy little ones to think of Thy love and kindness to them. Hear them

when they pray, forgive all their naughtiness; help them, like gentle Isaac, to live in love and peace with others, and give them Thy peace always. For the sake of the Lamb of God. Amen.

## HYMN.

Now as the day is ending,  
 With all its toil and care,  
 My heart to Heaven ascending,  
 Shall offer praise and prayer.  
 The Lord is ever mindful  
 Of those who seek His face,  
 And children, weak and sinful,  
 May feel His saving grace.

67th p., GOODRICH, S. S. Hyl.

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## Seragesima Sunday.

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LESSON WORD :

**AWE.**

TEXT: " Surely the Lord is in this place ; and I knew it not."—Gen. xxviii. 16.

LESSON STORY—JACOB.

Isaac lived to a peaceful old age. He was happy with his beautiful wife Rebecca, and his two sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau was the elder, and so had the honor of being GOD'S priest in the household; but he cared so little for

this, his birthright, that he sold it to Jacob, one day when he was very hungry, for a mess of pottage. Jacob valued highly that which Esau had despised, and GOD had promised to make him a greater man than his elder brother. Yet he could not wait GOD's time to do this. He deceived his old father into thinking that he was Esau, in order to get his blessing, and then he had to fly from his home lest his brother should kill him. All alone he went away into the desert, and when night came, he lay down to sleep with a stone for his pillow. Though he had done wrong, GOD guarded him from harm, and sent him a beautiful dream to comfort him. He saw in his dream a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, and angels going up and down. The LORD stood above it and promised to bless and care for him and bring him back again in safety. When Jacob awoke, he was full of awe, because he was in a holy place; and there he made an altar of the stone which had been his pillow, promising to be GOD's faithful servant, and give to Him a tenth of all that he should have. After many years GOD brought him back, as He had said, a rich man with wife and children. He had suffered much; but now he was returning to the land which GOD had promised him, in peace, sure of His protection and blessing; for he had met GOD's Angel in the way, wrestled with Him, and won the blessing. And the brother whom he had feared to see, met him kindly and kissed him. Jacob thanked GOD for His goodness to him, and built new altars to His praise.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who were Isaac's sons?

Which son received GOD's best blessing?

What was Esau willing to sell it for?

Did Jacob do anything wrong to get it?

Where did he have to go?

What lovely dream did GOD send him in the desert?

What did Jacob say when he awoke?

What did he do with the stone which had been his pillow?

What did he promise to give to GOD?

What did GOD promise him?

When GOD was bringing him home again, what did he wrestle for?

How did Jacob show that he was thankful?

If you really long for GOD's blessing, will He give it to you?

When did you promise to serve GOD, and He to give you His blessing?

## PRAYER.

O GOD, bless Thy little children and keep them from all harm. Give them awe and love for Thy holy House, and help them to remember that Thou art here. Grant that they may long for Thy blessing, as Jacob did, and bring them at last to their heavenly home in peace. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Though like the wanderer,  
 Weary and lone,  
 Darkness be over me,  
 My rest a stone;  
 Yet in my dreams I'd be  
 Nearer, my God to Thee,  
 Nearer to Thee.

343, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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 Quinquagesima Sunday.
 

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LESSON WORD:

**LOVE.**

TEXT: "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good."—  
 Gen. 1. 20.

LESSON STORY—JOSEPH.

Jacob had twelve sons. There was one whom he loved the most, and that was Joseph, the youngest but one. He made him a beautiful coat, such as only the eldest son had the right to wear, and GOD gave him the "birthright." But Joseph did nothing wrong in order to get it, as his father had done. He had wonderful dreams which meant that he should rule over his brothers; and all this made them envy and hate him. They talked of killing him,

but at last put him into a pit, from which they drew him out only to sell him for twenty pieces of silver to some merchants who were going down into Egypt. Then they dipped his coat in the blood of a kid, and carried it to his father, making him think that Joseph was dead. But though so far from his home, GOD was with him in Egypt, and gave him many friends. Joseph remembered his GOD and would not sin against Him. Although he was at first a slave, and suffered in prison for his faithfulness, GOD brought him out and gave him the power to explain a strange dream of Pharaoh's, for which the king made him a great man and chief ruler. He saved the lives of many people in a seven years' famine, by laying up food and selling it; and his own brothers, not knowing who he was, came bowing down before him to ask for food. He was kind and loving toward them, and freely forgave all the wrong they had done to him. He sent for his younger brother and his old father, and took care of them all. He had also two sons of his own. Joseph died in Egypt, but he had commanded that his body should be taken back to Canaan, his own dear country. Joseph was like our Lord Jesus, who was hated by his brethren, sold for thirty pieces of silver, put down into the earth, and raised up again into glory. Joseph was also, like Him, of a loving and forgiving spirit.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Which of Jacob's twelve sons did he love the most?  
How did he show special love for him?

What did the dreams which GOD sent to Joseph mean ?

How did his brothers feel toward him ?

When his father sent him to see how they were, what did they do to him ?

For how much did they sell him ?

How did they deceive their father ?

Who was with Joseph in Egypt ?

Where was he put because he would not sin against GOD ?

What great king had wonderful dreams ?

Who was brought out of prison to explain them ?

How did Joseph know what they meant ?

How did Pharaoh reward Joseph ?

How did Joseph save many lives ?

Who came from Canaan to get food ?

How did Joseph treat his wicked brothers ?

How was Joseph like the Lord Jesus ?

#### PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, bless these Thy little children. Make them, like Joseph, strong to say "no" when asked to do wrong, patient and humble. Make them, like him, ready to forgive, kind, and helpful to others. Save and bless all the little children in the world. For Jesus' dear sake, who died for all. Amen.

#### HYMN.

Do not quarrel, do not chide;

You must love each other.

Keep your gentle Lord in mind,

Who forgave, was meek and kind.  
Pride and anger would be shame  
To the child who bears His Name.

84 p., GOODRICH, S. S. Hyl.

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## The First Sunday in Lent.

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LESSON WORD:

**WRATH.**

TEXT : " By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hid of his parents."

—Heb. xi. 23.

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LESSON STORY—MOSES.

There was once a beautiful boy-baby, and his parents loved him. But this dear baby seemed likely to make them very unhappy, for he was " a child of wrath." The great King of Egypt, the new Pharaoh, was angry with Joseph's people, the Hebrews, and had said that all the boy-babies should be drowned in the river. This baby's father and mother did not obey the king, for they believed that GOD would protect their little one in some way if they trusted Him. So they hid him for three months. Then his mother put him in a covered basket, daubed with pitch, and laid it in the flags by the river-side. The king's daughter saw the little basket when she came down to the river to bathe. She had pity on the baby, and adopted him for her own

son, calling him Moses, because she drew him out of the water. The baby's sister was watching, and when the princess wanted a nurse she brought her own mother, who was engaged to take care of it. How thankful she must have been to GOD who had given her dear baby into her arms again. He was now in no danger of being killed; he belonged to the princess, and was safe. You also were born "a child of wrath," in danger of eternal death. But GOD pitied and saved you and adopted you for His own child in Holy Baptism. Your name was given you then, and you are now an heir of Heaven. No harm can happen to you now, if you are His faithful and obedient child.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Did the new king, who did not know Joseph, treat his people kindly ?

What did he make them do ?

What did he command them to do with their boy-babies ?

What did one father and mother do with theirs ?

Why were they not afraid of being punished by the king ?

What did the mother do when her baby grew too large to be hidden ?

Who found the little covered basket or ark in the flags ?

How did the princess feel when she saw that the baby was crying ?

What did she do with the baby ?

What did she name him and why ?

Whom did she engage for his nurse ?

Was it any longer " a child of wrath " and in danger of being killed ?

Were you born in sin and " a child of wrath " ?

Who has adopted you for His own child ?

When did GOD make you His child and an heir of Heaven ?

What name was given to you then ?

#### PRAYER.

O GOD, who hast sent Thy dear Son to die that these little children might be saved from death, and hast adopted them for Thine own children in Holy Baptism; save them from the power of the evil one. Help them to fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Make them better children each day by Thy Holy Spirit. And give them a share in Thy bright Heaven at last. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

Now these little ones receiving,  
 Fold them in Thy gracious arm;  
 There, we know, Thy word believing,  
 Only there, secure from harm.

278, HUTCHINS' S. S. HYM.

## The Second Sunday in Lent.

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LESSON WORD:

**CHOOSE.**

TEXT: "Choosing rather to suffer with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin."—Heb. xi. 25.

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LESSON STORY—MOSES (*cont.*)

When Moses was old enough, he went to live in the king's palace. Do you think that he must have been a happy boy? He had everything that money could buy. He had nice things to eat, beautiful clothes, and a splendid house, which might one day be his own. He was taught all the learning of the Egyptians. But he knew that he was a Hebrew, and it made him restless and unhappy to see his own people suffer. They had to work very hard, and then were beaten because they did not do enough. He wanted to make them free, and he could think of nothing else. At last he struck an Egyptian, who was beating a Hebrew, and killed him. Then the king was very angry, and Moses had to leave Egypt. He went to a distant country, and lived among the mountains, taking care of sheep. One day he saw on the mountain a bush which seemed to be all on fire, and yet it did not burn up. GOD was in it; and he told Moses, as he came near to see the great sight, to take off his shoes from his feet, because it was holy ground. Then GOD told Moses to go back to Egypt with his brother Aaron, and bring his people from that country to the land of Canaan, which He had prom-

ised Abraham should be theirs. If your father and mother were suffering hunger and pain, would you want to feast and be merry? The Church's children are thinking now of the forty days and nights in which their dear Lord went without food, and fought with the devil in the wilderness. They do not wish for pleasure now, but try to remember and be sorry for the wrong they have done, and to grow more like their Saviour. Will you, like Moses, stay with your Lord and His faithful ones, or will you choose to forget Him, and seek only to please yourself?

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

When Moses was old enough to leave his mother, what place became his home?

What nice things did he have there?

What did he learn there?

Did this make him forget his own people?

What did he choose to do?

How did he try to help his suffering people?

When the king was angry, what did Moses do?

What strange sight did he see on the mountain where he fed his sheep?

What did GOD tell Moses to do?

Why was the place holy ground?

Where did GOD send Moses, and Aaron, his brother?

To what good land did GOD promise to bring His people?

What are GOD's people now doing in Lent?

What did our Lord Jesus do for us?

Are there many who forget all that He has done for us?

What will you choose to do?

## PRAYER.

Blessed Lord, who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights ; give thy little children grace to choose, as Moses did, to suffer with Thy people ; that they may follow Thee to the Land which Thou hast promised them. For Thy merit's sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

I am a Christian child,  
 So I must watch and pray ;  
 Learn to deny myself and tread  
 The narrow, thorny way.  
 The way that Jesus went,  
 And all His saints have gone ;  
 In the dear foot-prints of their Lord,  
 With patience pressing on.

119 p., GOODRICH Hyl.

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## The Third Sunday in Lent.

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LESSON WORD:

**HARD.**

TEXT: "The heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go."—Ex. ix. 35.

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LESSON STORY—PHARAOH.

Tell me, what is very hard indeed? But I am going to tell you about something still harder, and that is a hard heart. Such a heart had the wicked king, the Pharaoh.

When GOD told Moses to go back to Egypt, he went, and his brother Aaron with him. They had to ask the king, in GOD'S Name, to let His people go out of Egypt. But he said that he knew not GOD, neither would he let them go. Then GOD sent ten punishments upon him, one after the other, to make him obey. He changed the water of the great river Nile into *blood*; He filled their land with *frogs*; He sent *lice* on man and beast; He filled the air with *flies*; their *cattle died*; He made them suffer with *boils*; He rained *hail* upon their land; He sent clouds of *locusts*; He made thick *darkness* to surround them; He sent an angel who *killed their first-born*. The king's heart grew harder and harder. He sometimes promised to let them go, and when Moses prayed, GOD took away the plague. Then Pharaoh again hardened his heart, until GOD sent another plague upon him and his people. These plagues did not touch the Hebrews, the children of Israel. Though they lived in another part of the same country, GOD guarded His people from all harm. When the heaviest plague came, and in every home of the Egyptians the eldest child died, there was great weeping; Pharaoh's son also, lay dead in the palace. And now he and his people were not only willing, but so anxious to have the Hebrews go away, that they loaded them with presents. Yet when they had really gone, Pharaoh's hard heart made him gather his army and go after them to bring them back. He was trying to fight against GOD, but in vain, for the waters of the Red Sea, which had been divided that GOD'S people might pass over safely, came back upon him and

all his host, and they were drowned in the depth of the sea.

QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What did GOD tell Moses and Aaron to ask of Pharaoh?

Why would he not let the children of Israel go?

How many punishments did GOD send upon him and the Egyptians?

What was the first punishment or plague? Second?

Third? Fourth? Fifth? Sixth? Seventh? Eighth?

Ninth? Tenth?

Did the children of Israel suffer also?

After the last plague, how did the Egyptians show that they were anxious to have the Hebrews go?

Did Pharaoh harden his heart again after they were gone?

Where did he with his army follow them?

How did GOD punish them there?

Will GOD punish us if our hearts are hard so that we do not want to obey Him?

Will He make our hearts tender and loving, if we ask Him?

PRAYER.

O GOD, try the hearts of these Thy children. If they are growing hard, make them tender and loving; so that they may fear to do wrong, and long to please Thee in all things. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Oh, what can little hearts do,  
 To please the King of Heaven?  
 Young hearts, if GOD His Spirit send,  
 Can fear and love their Saviour-friend,  
 Such grace to mine be given.

79 p., "Songs for Little Folks," Biglow and Main, N. Y.

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent.

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LESSON WORD :

**MARK.**

TEXT: "Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us."—1 Cor. v. 7.

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LESSON STORY—MOSES (*cont.*)

When GOD sent the tenth and last punishment upon the hard-hearted Pharaoh, He guarded His own people from all harm. He commanded them, on that last night in Egypt, to kill and roast a lamb in every house, and to bake unleavened bread, that is, without any yeast in it. He told them to sprinkle the blood of the lamb above and on each side of the door of their houses, so that the death-angel, when he saw the blood-marks, might *pass over* it without hurting any one there. They were to eat the lamb and bread with bitter herbs, at night, standing ready dressed for a journey. If the children of Israel had not

done just as GOD commanded, they would not have been saved from death, but they were careful to obey. Pharaoh sent them out of the land in great haste, but they were all ready to go, carrying on their shoulders their clothes and household goods. Their sheep and cows also went with them. It was an exodus or going out from Egypt, which is a picture of this world, to journey toward Canaan, the type or likeness of Heaven. The lamb they had eaten on that night in haste was called the Passover (and every year after they came to Canaan, they kept the same Feast to remember the passing over of their houses on that awful night). This lamb was like Christ, who is called our Passover, because His blood has saved us from everlasting death. The bread without any yeast in it, is a picture of a pure, clean heart, and the bitter herbs are like the bitter tears which we shed when we are sorry for our sins. You were marked in Holy Baptism with the sign of the Cross, to show that you belong to Christ. When He sends His holy angels to gather His people, and cast away those who are not His, we shall want that mark upon our foreheads to be very bright and clear, so that the angel may see, without any doubt, that we are His children.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Whom did GOD send at night to kill the first-born of Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

Did any of the children of the Hebrews die?

What did GOD command them to do?

What did He tell them to put over and on each side of the doors of their houses?

What did the angel do when he saw the blood-marks?  
 Of whom was the lamb a picture or type?  
 What kind of bread were they to make?  
 What was the bread without yeast like?  
 What else were they to eat with it?  
 What were the bitter herbs like?  
 Was any mark put upon you when you were baptized?  
 To whom does it show that you belong?  
 From what has Jesus saved you by His precious blood?  
 What Feast did the Jews always keep to remember that  
 last night in Egypt?  
 On what day do we keep our Christian Passover?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look upon these Thy little ones,  
 marked with the sign of the Cross in token that they be-  
 long to Thy dear Son. Wash them clean from all their  
 sins in Jesus' precious blood. Save them from eternal  
 death. Bless all the little children in the world, and  
 gather them into Thy Kingdom to be safe forever from all  
 harm. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
 Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
 Israel's hosts triumphant go  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
 Paschal Lamb and Paschal Bread;  
 Holy Father, praise to Thee,  
 With the Spirit, ever be.

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent.

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LESSON WORD:

**CALLED.**

TEXT: "No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."—Heb. v. 4

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LESSON STORY—AARON (*cont.*)

When the children of Israel went out of Egypt, they had a long journey before them, and they did not know the way. But GOD led them; going before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When they came to the Red Sea, there seemed to be no way for them to cross; but GOD parted the waters, so that they walked over on the ground between them, which, when Pharaoh and his army tried to do, they were drowned. GOD fed His people in the desert with a kind of bread which they gathered from the ground, and called manna; and He brought water out of the hard rock for them to drink. After journeying for a long time, they came to a great mountain named Sinai, where GOD gave Moses Ten Commandments, written upon two tables of stone, to teach to the people. Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights, without tasting food or water. God told him also to make a beautiful great tent exactly like a pattern which He showed him. This tent was called the Tabernacle, and was what we would call a Church, a place to worship GOD in. Every one

was allowed to bring what he wished to give toward making it beautiful, gold, silver, fine white linen, red and blue cloth, skins of animals, and other costly things. GOD said that Aaron should be the High Priest and his sons the Priests, and that beautiful robes should be made for them to wear. The tribe they belonged to, the Levites, were also to serve in the Tabernacle. In all there were three kinds of ministers, High Priest, Priests, and Levites. We have three kinds also, for the same GOD has appointed them in the Christian Church. No one has any right to be a minister in the Church unless he is *called*, that is, ordained by those to whom Christ has given the right to do so. The children of Israel did not always try to please GOD. They did not trust Him, and sometimes they worshipped idols, like the heathen around them. But GOD still took care of them, though He punished them for their sins, and kept them in the wilderness forty years. Our journey through life is like theirs. Going through the Red Sea is like Baptism. GOD takes care of us and leads us, though we often do wrong. His Commandments are for us as well as for them. He wishes us to build Houses for His worship, and is pleased when we give gladly to make them beautiful. He wants us to honour His Priests, and to be careful to have such as have been called by Him. He will lead us through the wilderness of this world to the Heavenly Canaan, if we follow His leading and trust to His guidance.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- Through what did GOD lead the Israelites ?  
 How did they know that He was leading them ?  
 Who were drowned in the Red Sea ?  
 What is the Red Sea like ?  
 What did GOD feed His people with in the wilderness ?  
 What did He do for them when they were thirsty ?  
 Of whom were the manna and the rock types ?  
 To what great mountain did GOD bring them ?  
 What did GOD give Moses on the Mount to teach to the  
 people ?  
 How long was Moses on Mt. Sinai ?  
 Who else fasted forty days and forty nights ?  
 Are the Ten Commandments for us also ?  
 What did GOD tell the Israelites to make for Him ?  
 Who gave the beautiful stuff to make it of ?  
 Whom did GOD say should serve in the Tabernacle ?  
 How many kind of ministers did He appoint ?  
 How many kinds did Christ appoint for the Christian  
 Church ?  
 Who only have the right to minister in it ?  
 In what way must they be called ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look upon these children, made Thine in the Red Sea of Baptism. Lead them through the wilderness of this world. Feed them with the heavenly Manna. Give them drink from the Rock. Grant that they may hold fast to Thy Church and the Ministers which Thou hast called. And bring them all at last to the Heavenly Canaan. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

I love the Church, the holy Church,  
 The Saviour's spotless Bride;  
 And oh, I love her palaces  
 Through all the world so wide.  
 Here, clothed in innocence they stand,  
 Thine holy orders three,  
 To rule and feed Thy flock, O Christ,  
 And ever watch for Thee.

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## The Sunday Next Before Easter.

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LESSON WORD.

**SAVED.**

TEXT: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."—St. John iii. 14.

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LESSON STORY—**MOSES** (*concluded.*)

The children of Israel did not always trust in GOD. They fretted and complained. They did not believe that GOD would care for all their needs, although He had done so much for them. GOD had to punish them by keeping them in the wilderness for forty years. They were so wicked as to forget GOD and worship idols, when He had chosen them for His own people. They deserved to die ;

and at last GOD sent fiery serpents, which bit them, and many of them died. But when they said that they had sinned, and asked Moses to pray for them, GOD pitied and forgave them. He told Moses to make a serpent out of brass, and set it up on a pole, and He said that every one who had been bitten, when he looked upon it, should be cured. If there were any who would not look up, there was no help for them—they died. The serpent of brass was a type or picture of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, who hung on the Cross that He might save all who look to Him in faith. This coming week is named Passion Week, because we remember all his sufferings for us. We shall hear read in Church, the story of His passion and death that we and all men might be saved. We are full of sin ; we often do wrong, we do not love GOD ; we deserve to die. But Jesus, our good Saviour, has been punished for us. We ought often to think of His great love for us; and try to show our love for Him by keeping His Commandments. He will help us to do this if we ask Him.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What did the children of Israel do that was very wrong ?

How long did GOD have to keep them in the wilderness ?

When they would not keep GOD'S Commandments, how did he punish them ?

When they repented and said that they had sinned, was He willing to forgive them, and make them well ?

What did He tell Moses to set up on a pole ?

What happened to the sick people when they looked at it ?

Were those cured who would not look ?  
Of what was the brass serpent on a pole a type ?  
Why was the Lord Jesus lifted up on the Cross ?  
If we believe Him and look to Him to save us, shall we  
be punished with death ?  
What is the name of this week ?  
What is the name of the Friday of this week ?  
What shall we hear read in Church during this week ?  
What ought we often to think about ?

## PRAYER.

Almighty GOD, who of Thy tender love hast sent Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die on the Cross, that we may be saved ; for His sake forgive Thy little children all their sins. Help them to be sorry for them, and to fight against them. Help them to think of Thy great love for them, and to show their love for Thee by keeping Thy Commandments. For Jesus' sake we ask all. Amen.

## HYMN.

There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.  
Oh, dearly, dearly, has He loved,  
And we must love Him, too ;  
And trust in His redeeming blood,  
And try His works to do.

88 p., GOODRICH S. S. Hyl.

## Easter Day.

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LESSON WORD:

**WON.**

TEXT: "The Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."—  
Heb. ii. 10.

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### LESSON STORY—JOSHUA.

Moses was a very good and holy man, and so patient with the children of Israel that he is called "the meekest man." But once he became so very angry with them that he did not honour GOD. And GOD punished him by not letting him go into the land of Canaan with His people. Yet He called him up into a high mountain where he could see all its beauty; and there he died. Joshua, a brave and good man, who had been with Moses more than any of the others, now became the leader, the captain of GOD's people, to bring them into Canaan. They had the river Jordan to cross, but GOD divided its waters, as He had done those of the Red Sea, so that they walked over on the ground. The people who lived in Canaan worshipped idols, and they were very wicked, so that GOD would no longer let them have it for their own. These, the Israelites had to fight and conquer before they could live in Canaan. Joshua, their captain, led them first to Jericho, a city which had a great wall around it. It was GOD who took the city for them. At His command they had only to march around it once every day for six days, and seven

times on the seventh day. Then seven of the Priests blew on trumpets, the people shouted with a great shout, and the walls of the city fell down flat; so that they easily went in and captured it. Afterward, following Joshua their captain, they took other cities; and then the whole land was divided among the twelve tribes of Israel, and they no longer had to dwell in tents, for they lived in the houses which they found there, under vines and fig-trees, with plenty of milk, honey, and many other good things to eat and drink. Joshua was a type; that is, he was like Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, who will bring us safely across the river of death, fight all of our enemies for us, and give us the heavenly Canaan for our everlasting home. Jesus rose from the dead on this Easter Day, having conquered death, as he had before conquered the devil, and in His strength we need not now be afraid of either.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was the meekest man ?

Why could not Moses go into the land of Canaan ?

From what place did GOD show it to him ?

Who became the leader and captain of GOD's people ?

Across what river did they go ?

How did GOD make a path for them over the Jordan ?

To what city did Joshua bring them ?

What did GOD tell them to do there ?

What happened on the seventh day ?

How was the land of Canaan divided ?

What good things did they find there ?

Of whom was Joshua a type ?

What does our text call Christ ?  
What river will He take us safely over ?  
What beautiful country will He give to us ?  
What dreadful enemies has He conquered ?  
When did He overcome death ?  
Who else shall rise out of their graves ?

## PRAYER.

O risen Saviour, Captain of our salvation, who through suffering hast won the battle with Satan and death; grant Thy little children grace to follow Thee to the good land which Thou wilt give them. Bring them at last in safety across the river of death to the Heavenly Canaan. For Thine own merits' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Let the song be begun,  
For the battle is done,  
And the victory won.  
And the foe is scattered;  
And the prison shattered;  
Sing of joy, joy, joy.  
And to-day raise the lay,  
Gloria in Excelsis.

150 p., GOODRICH, S. S. Hyl.

## The First Sunday After Easter.

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LESSON WORD:

**FOLLOW.**

TEXT: "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon."—Judges vii 20.

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LESSON STORY.—GIDEON.

When Joshua grew to be an old man, he knew that he must soon leave the children of Israel; and he talked to them very earnestly about their duty to GOD. He reminded them of all the wonderful things that GOD had done for them and told them to choose whether they would serve Him or not. They promised that they would serve GOD only, and serve Him truly and heartily. They kept their promise for a long time. But after Joshua died and the other old men, the younger ones grew careless. They forgot GOD and worshipped idols, like the heathen people around them. Then GOD let other nations fight against them to punish them. Their armies came all over the land, and took away every good thing; and they had to hide themselves in dens and caves of the mountains. Yet when they cried to the LORD for help, He raised up men to save them from their enemies. These were called Judges. One of these was a man named Gideon. He was threshing wheat when an angel appeared to him under an oak tree and told him to go and fight for Israel. Gideon was afraid at first, but GOD promised to be with him. The first thing that He told him to do was to pull down the altar of

the idol and build one to GOD. This Gideon did at night, for he was afraid to do it in the day-time.

Afterward, he gathered a large army of soldiers, who were ready to follow him as their captain to the battle. But GOD chose only three hundred of them to fight against the great army which lay along the valley like grasshoppers, for there were so many of them; and none of the three hundred carried a gun or sword, only an empty pitcher with a lamp inside, and a trumpet in his hand. They came to the enemy's camp at night, when they were asleep, and surrounded it. Then, at the given signal, they broke the pitchers and held the lamps in their hands; they blew the trumpets and shouted, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" And their enemies were so frightened that they ran, and fought against and killed each other; and Israel was free once more. It was because the LORD fought with Gideon, that he was able to win so wonderful a victory. The men of Israel wanted Gideon to rule over them, but he said that the LORD only should be their King. Even little children like you can fight against our great enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil, and overcome them, because our Lord Jesus Christ fights with you. His sword was the Word of God, and it may be your sword if you learn these words from the Bible and have them ready to use. You need never be afraid, but fight bravely against every sin, and say, "The sword of my Lord and my sword, shall surely win the victory."

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- When Joshua was old, what did he say to the people ?  
Did they break the promise that they made ?  
What wicked thing did they do ?  
How did GOD punish them ?  
When they cried to Him, how did He help them ?  
To whom did GOD send His angel ?  
What did He tell Gideon to do ?  
How many men did GOD choose to fight with Gideon  
against the great army of the enemy ?  
What did they carry in their hands ?  
What did they do when they came to the enemy's  
camp ?  
What words did they use for their war-cry ?  
What did their enemies do ?  
How could Gideon win the battle with so few men to  
help him ?  
What strong enemies have you got to fight ?  
How will you surely overcome them ?  
What can a little Christian soldier say ?

## PRAYER.

O Lord Jesus, who dost call Thy children into the battle with Thee "against sin, the world, and the devil;" help them to fight manfully with the sword of Thy Holy Word, and continue Thy faithful soldiers; that they may win the victory. For Thy merits' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Jesus! Captain! help us  
Soldiers good to be;  
Ever following after,  
Fighting, LORD, with Thee;  
O'er the foe triumphant,  
Thou must still prevail;  
So Thy soldiers faithful,  
With Thee cannot fail.

467, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hym

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The Second Sunday After Easter.

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LESSON WORD:

**STRONG.**

TEXT: "Out of weakness were made strong."—Heb. xi. 34.

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LESSON STORY—SAMSON.

Many years after Gideon died, GOD sent an angel to the wife of a man named Manoah, to tell her that she should have a child who was to be given to GOD to do His work. He was not to touch wine nor strong drink, and his hair was never to be cut. GOD blessed this little boy, who was named Samson, and made him very strong, so that he might deliver Israel from the Philistines. As he grew older, he showed his great strength by killing a young

lion with nothing in his hands ; he slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass ; he carried off the great gates of a city on his shoulders. But he loved a wicked woman, and she coaxed him to tell her in what his great strength lay. At first he would not tell her the truth ; but at last he said that if his head should be shaven, he would become as weak as other men. When he was asleep, she called someone to shave off all his hair. Then his strength went away, and the Philistines seized him, put out his eyes, bound him with chains, and made him grind in the prison. Poor Samson thought then of how foolish and wicked he had been. GOD saw that he was sorry, and as his hair grew again, gave him new strength. One day the Philistines held a great feast to their idol, Dagon, and great numbers of men and women were in the house and upon it. And they brought in Samson to make sport for them. As he stood leaning on the pillars of the house, he prayed to GOD to give him all his strength once more, and let him die with the Philistines. Then he took hold of the two middle pillars on which the house stood, and bent himself down and pulled upon them with all his might ; and the house fell. So those whom Samson slew at his death were more than all that he had killed during his life. And again the children of Israel were free from their enemies. You have enemies, dear children, who hate GOD, and want to do you all the harm that they can. Though you cannot see them, they are around you, trying to make you sin against GOD. You are weak little children, yet if you ask for it, GOD will give you His

strength that you may conquer them. Out of weakness, you shall be made strong.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSONS.

What was the name of the child who was to be given to  
GOD and deliver Israel ?

What did the angel tell his mother that he must not do ?

What good gift did GOD give him ?

How did he show his great strength ?

Whom did Samson love ?

In what did he tell her was the secret of his strength ?

How did Delilah treat him when he was asleep ?

What did the Philistines do to him then ?

Whom did they send for to make sport for them at a  
great idol-feast ?

For what did Samson pray to GOD as he leaned on the  
pillars of the house ?

What happened when Samson bent down and pulled  
with all his might upon the pillars ?

Have you any strong enemies who wish to hurt your  
soul ?

Are you not too weak to fight against them ?

Who will make you strong enough to conquer them all  
if you ask Him ?

#### PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, have pity on Thy little children, who are weak in body, and whose souls are weak through sin. "Out of weakness make them strong" to fight against the enemies of their souls; make them strong to do right;

make them strong to help others to know and love Thee.  
For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

We are but little children weak,  
Not born in any high estate;  
What can we do for Jesus' sake,  
Who is so high and good and great?

Strong in the Lord, each Christian child  
May fight the battle and may win;  
Be pure and true and full of love,  
And daily strive 'gainst every sin.

376, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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## The Third Sunday After Easter.

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LESSON WORD:

**DEAR.**

TEXT: "Thy people shall be my people; and thy God, my God."—  
Ruth i. 16.

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LESSON STORY—RUTH.

One year the crops did not do well in the land of Canaan; so there was not enough food and many people were hungry. A man named Elimelech and his wife Naomi, with their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left their

home and went into the country of Moab, where there was plenty to eat. But it was not the right thing for them to do, because the people there were heathen, and worshipped idols. Mahlon and Chilion married two of the heathen girls, named Orpah and Ruth. Then Elimelech died, and afterward both of the sons. So Naomi was in great trouble and very sad, and felt that nothing would comfort her so much as to go back to her own country and friends, where GOD was loved and worshipped. Her sons' wives went part of the way with her, but she told them to return home, for she did not wish to take them away from their own people. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and went back again. But Ruth could not leave her because Naomi was so very dear to her. She clung to her and said, "Where thou goest, I will go; where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people; and thy GOD my GOD." For love of Naomi she was willing to leave her own family and the idol-worship, and serve this GOD, of whom she knew only a little. They came to the village of Bethlehem, Naomi's former home, in the beginning of the barley harvest; and there Ruth gleaned in the fields to support her mother-in-law. GOD blessed her for her love to His servant. Naomi's cousin Boaz, a rich and good man, married her. She had a dear little boy, named Obed, whom Naomi loved and petted, and took great care of, and who afterward became the grandfather of King David. She learned about the one true GOD, and loved Him even more than she did her dear mother-in-law. If we love those who are GOD's

faithful servants, that will make Him more near and dear to us. GOD raised Ruth to a high place because she chose to love and serve Him. He gave her the honour of being the great, great grandmother (but many generations before His birth) of our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Why did Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, go to live in a heathen country ?

Is it right to choose a home where we cannot worship GOD in His Church ?

Whom did the sons marry in the land of Moab ?

What great trouble came to Naomi there ?

Where did Naomi want to go ?

Who insisted on going with her to Canaan ?

Why did Ruth want to go with Naomi ?

What kind of gods had she been used to worshipping ?

Whom did she want to serve ?

What did she say to Naomi ?

What did she do for Naomi in the village of Bethlehem ?

How did GOD reward her for loving His servant ?

Who married Ruth ?

What was the name of the little boy that GOD gave them ?

Who loved the baby and took care of it ?

Whose ancestress or great-great-grandmother did Ruth become ?

Who ought to be dear to you ?  
Who should be the dearest of all ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, bless Thy little children. May they love those best who love Thee, and grant that Thou mayest be dearer to them than all others. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Kind deeds can never die;  
Though weak and small,  
From His bright throne on high,  
GOD sees them all.  
He doth reward with love  
All those who faithful prove;  
Round them, where'er they move,  
Rich blessings fall.

THE CHURCH PORCH, p. 141, S. S. Hyl.

## The Fourth Sunday After Easter.

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LESSON WORD:

**CHILD.**

**TEXT:** "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and right.—Prov. xx. 11."

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LESSON STORY—SAMUEL.

There was once a woman named Hannah who longed to have a little boy of her own; and when she went to the great Church, she prayed to GOD for this. GOD granted her wish, and she was very happy, although she did not mean to keep this little boy with her at home. She had promised to lend him to the LORD as long as he should live. So as soon as her little Samuel was old enough to go, she took him to the great Church that he might serve GOD there. Then Hannah went home, but every year she brought him a little coat which she had made for him. GOD gave her other sons and daughters, so that she was not lonely at home. The child Samuel served in GOD's house in a linen dress like those which the Ministers wore. Old Eli, the Priest, told him what work to do, and took care of him. Samuel loved to be there, and was so faithful and obedient that GOD was pleased with him. One night he awoke from sleep, and heard some one speak his name twice. He arose and went to Eli, saying: "Here am I, for thou didst call me." But Eli said: "I called not; lie down again." A second time Samuel heard his name

spoken, and again Eli said that he had not called him. And the third time a voice repeated : "Samuel, Samuel," and then Eli knew that it was the LORD, and he told Samuel to lie down once more, and if he heard the voice to say : "Speak, LORD, Thy servant heareth." So when the LORD called to him again, Samuel answered, and then GOD told him that he would punish Eli's two sons, and they should die, because they were very wicked, and their father did not make them do right. Samuel feared to repeat this to Eli, but when he asked him, he told all the truth. GOD showed Samuel many other things that were to happen, and was with him and blessed him. So Samuel grew up, and became a great and good prophet, and all men honored him. You also have been lent to the LORD to be His faithful servant. He speaks to you in His Holy Word, and by the small voice of conscience. Samuel was known by his doings to be a holy child of GOD, and you are known by your doings either to be GOD's faithful child, or else, like Eli's sons, a child of GOD's enemy, the devil.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What woman prayed GOD to give her a little son ?
- To whom did she promise to lend him ?
- What did she name him ?
- Where did she take him ?
- Who taught him and took care of him there ?
- What did his mother make for him every year ?
- What did Samuel hear one night ?
- Who was the One who called him ?

What did GOD tell him that He would do to Eli's wicked sons ?

Had Eli punished his sons, as he ought to have done, to make them do right ?

Was Samuel afraid to tell Eli what GOD had said ?

When Eli asked, what did he tell him ?

What kind of a man did Samuel grow to be ?

Have you been lent to GOD ?

How does GOD speak to you ?

Is every child known by his doings ?

What kind of a child are you ?

#### PRAYER.

Great GOD, look upon these little children who have been lent to Thee in Holy Baptism. Make them like the child Samuel, ready to hear Thy voice, and faithful in doing Thy work. That they may grow up like him, in favor with GOD and man. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

When little Samuel woke,  
 And heard his Maker's voice,  
 Gently, his name repeat,  
 He trembled, yet rejoiced.  
 Oh, blessed, happy child to find  
 The GOD of Heaven so near and kind.

Like Samuel, let me say,  
 Whene'er I read His Word,  
 " Speak, Lord, I would obey "

The Voice that Samuel heard ;  
 And when I in Thy House appear,  
 "Speak, for Thy servant waits to hear."

GOODRICH S. S. Hyl., p. 121.

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## The Fifth Sunday After Easter.

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LESSON WORD:

**OBEY.**

TEXT : "To obey is better than sacrifice."—I Sam. xv. 52.

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LESSON STORY—SAUL.

The children of Israel could not find any fault in Samuel, GOD's faithful prophet; but they were restless and discontented, and asked him to give them a king that they might be like the nations around them. This troubled Samuel, because the great GOD was their King, and he thought that they ought to be obedient, happy children. But GOD let them do as they wished. He told Samuel to anoint for their king a tall, handsome young man named Saul. So Samuel poured the anointing oil upon his head, and GOD promised to be with him if he would be obedient and do His will. The people were very much pleased with Saul's looks and shouted "GOD save the king." But it was not long before Saul showed that he was proud, and thought more of his own way than of doing GOD's will. Samuel had told him to wait at a certain

place where he would meet him and then would offer sacrifice to GOD; but when Samuel delayed coming, Saul offered the sacrifice himself, which he had no right to do. After this, GOD commanded him to go with his army and fight against the enemy, and not to save them, nor anything that belonged to them. Saul again showed his pride of heart; he thought that he would save the king alive, and bring back with him some of the sheep and cattle for a present to GOD, with other choice things. Samuel met Saul as he was returning from the battle, and Saul said, "I have performed the commandment of the LORD." Then Samuel asked what the bleating of the sheep and lowing of the oxen meant; and when Saul answered that he meant to sacrifice them to GOD, Samuel said, "To obey is better than sacrifice." And then he told him that GOD would not let him be the king any longer, but would choose another, who would love Him and obey His commandments. Our Lord Jesus says to us, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," and we must not think that we can please GOD by giving Him presents, unless we also do as He tells us. We must not love our own way too much, but ask GOD to help us to make His way our way; that we may obtain the crown which He has promised only to those who love and obey him.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What did the children of Israel ask for ?

Could they find any fault in Samuel ?

Why ought they not to have asked for a king ?

Whom did GOD tell Samuel to anoint as king ?

What kind of a man was Saul ?

Did he ever think that he knew better what to do than  
Samuel, or even than GOD Himself ?

What did GOD send him to do ?

Did he do just as GOD had told him ?

What did he save and bring back with him ?

Did GOD want his present ?

What did GOD want him to do ?

What does the text say ?

What is the best thing you can give to GOD ?

What does our Lord Jesus say ?

Can we love Him if we do not keep His command-  
ments ?

PRAYER.

From refusing to obey,  
From the love of our own way,  
From pride in what we do and say,  
Save us, Holy JESUS.

HYMN.

Thou my daily task shall give;  
Day by day to Thee I live,  
So shall added years fulfil,  
Not my own,—my Father's will.  
Jesus showed a Son's obedience;  
We must early learn to do,  
Not our own will, but our Father's,  
And be found obedient too.

GOODRICH Hyl., p. 98. Tune, p. 68.

## The Sunday After Ascension Day.

LESSON WORD :

**UP.**

TEXT: "While He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven."—S. Luke xxiv. 51.

LESSON STORY—ELIJAH.

Elijah was one of GOD's greatest prophets; but Jezebel, the queen, tried to have him killed. She was a wicked woman, who worshipped an idol called Baal; and she persuaded her husband, King Ahab, and the people of Israel to do honour to it. GOD took care of Elijah. For a long time he lived in safety by the brook Cherith in a deep valley, and GOD sent birds to carry bread and meat to him every night and morning. When the brook dried up GOD commanded a poor widow-woman to feed him, and kept meal in her barrel and oil in her pitcher during three years of famine. GOD heard Elijah's prayers and answered them. When he prayed GOD not to send any rain upon the land, because of the idoiatry of the people, there was no rain for three years and six months. When he prayed that the widow's dead son might live, GOD restored the little boy to life. After three years GOD sent him to king Ahab; and he told the king to gather all the people and all the prophets of Baal on a mountain called Carmel. There were four hundred and fifty of these, and Elijah was the only one of GOD's prophets. He told them to build an altar for themselves and to put on it wood and a bullock,

and he would do the same; and the GOD which should send down fire upon the offering should be their GOD. Then the prophets of Baal called upon their idol from morning until evening; but of course there was no answer, though they cried aloud, and cut themselves with knives and spears. At evening Elijah took twelve stones and rebuilt an altar of the LORD which had fallen down. When the wood and bullock had been laid upon it, he ordered that barrels of water should be poured over it. Now, as he prayed earnestly that the people might see that there was only one Almighty GOD, the fire of the LORD fell upon the altar and burned up everything even to the stones and dust. Then the people fell upon their faces and said, "The LORD, He is the GOD." GOD honoured Elijah, His faithful servant, by His own presence, and by sending an angel to feed him when he was weary of his troubled life. Afterward he went for forty days and nights without food, as Moses had done on the Mount. He was a type of S. John the Baptist. The time came at last for Elijah to leave this world. He went with his servant Elisha to the river Jordan, and there GOD took him by a whirlwind in a chariot of fire to Heaven. There was one other who had been taken to Heaven without dying many hundred years before. It was the holy Enoch. This Ascension Season we keep in memory of our blessed Saviour's going up into Heaven. He needed no chariot, for He rose from the earth by His own power while He was blessing His disciples, who were with Him on the Mount of Olives. Higher and still higher He went up, until a cloud hid Him from their longing eyes.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who went up to Heaven on Ascension Day ?

How many days after Easter ?

What day of the week ?

What was the Lord doing when He rose from the earth ?

What hid Him from their sight as they looked up after Him ?

What other persons were taken up into Heaven ?

Who was Elijah ?

Whom was he like ?

How did GOD answer Elijah's prayers ?

Who hated Elijah and wished to kill him ?

What did Jezebel persuade King Ahab and the people to do ?

How did GOD keep Elijah during the famine ?

To what mountain did he tell Ahab to bring the people and the prophets of Baal ?

Whom did Elijah say should be their GOD ?

Did the idol Baal or the LORD send fire on the sacrifice ?

What did the people do and say when they saw it ?

How did GOD honour his faithful servant Elijah ?

How long did he go without food "in the strength of that meat" ?

Who else went without food for forty days and nights ?

How did GOD take Elijah to Heaven ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, who hast received Thy dear Son Jesus to Thy right hand in Heaven ; grant that these Thy little

children may look up after Him in heart and mind, and at last ever live with Him there. For His merits' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Glory to the blessèd Jesus!  
 Who was long foretold;  
 John the Baptist prepared His way  
 And each prophet of old.

Glory to the blessèd Jesus!  
 He who is our way  
 Went up in a cloud to Heaven  
 On Ascension Day.

318, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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 Whitsunday.

LESSON WORD :

**WISE.**

TEXT : "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God."—  
 S. Jas. i. 15.

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 LESSON STORY—SOLOMON.

Would you not be pleased if you were told that you could have anything that you might ask for? How you would try to think of the thing you really wish for most of all. There was once a young king named Solomon, who succeeded his father David, in the government

of the great kingdom of Israel. GOD came to him by night, and told him to ask for anything he wanted, and it should be given him. Solomon's request was one that pleased GOD, for instead of wishing to be rich or great, he said that he was like a little child, and he wanted GOD to make him wise, so that he might govern GOD's people well. GOD gave him wisdom, so that he knew just the best thing to say and do at all times. And GOD gave him also the things which he had not asked for—riches, and honour and a long life. King Solomon built a beautiful Temple for GOD. He wrote lovely songs and wise sayings, which we may read in the Bible, and his people were prosperous, peaceful, and happy. You too may have this gift of wisdom just by earnestly asking for it. Your father and mother wish to give you things that are good for you, but GOD is more willing "to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him," and with Him in our hearts we shall grow wise and good. To-day we remember the time when our Lord Jesus sent this blessed Gift to His Apostles. They had met together in an upper room; there was a sound of "a rushing, mighty wind, and tongues of fire rested on each of them," making them able to speak with such wisdom and power, that all men understood and wondered. In Baptism you have received something of this precious Gift; in Confirmation you will receive more. Will you not wish and ask for this best of all gifts?

## QUESTION ON LESSONS.

What did GOD say that He would give to king Solomon ?

What did king Solomon wish for ?

Whom did he please when he wished for wisdom ?

What else did GOD give him that he had not asked for ?

What did King Solomon build ?

What did he write ?

Where can we read them ?

How were his people blessed ?

How can you have the gift of wisdom ?

Who can give it to you ?

When did our Lord send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles ?

In what form did the Holy Spirit come down ?

When did you first receive this great Gift ?

When will you receive a larger share of this Gift ?

Is GOD willing to give you everything that is good for you ?

What is the best Gift that you can wish for ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look down upon us who are but little children before Thee. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have wisdom to do and say always the right thing. And give us also such other gifts as Thou seest to be best for us. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Sweet Holy Spirit, come,  
Dwell with a child;

Make of my heart a home,  
All undefiled.

Wise let me be to choose  
All that is right;  
Never in sinful ways  
Seek my delight.

Heavenward my pathway lie,  
Guided by Thee;  
Then safe beyond the sky  
Thy glory see.

No. 87, CHURCH PORCH.

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## Trinity Sunday.

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LESSON WORD:

### THREE-IN-ONE.

TEXT: "O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee."—Psalm  
lxiii. 1.

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LESSON STORY—DAVID.

King David, the father of Solomon, believed in GOD and loved Him with all his heart. He sang many sweet songs in His praise which Christians now love to use. David was a shepherd when a boy, and used to watch his flock of sheep on the green hillsides of Bethlehem, where Ruth, his great-grandmother had lived. Once there came a lion

and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock; but David saved the lamb and killed the wild beasts. He was just as brave when he heard that a heathen giant had come to fight against Israel; for though all other men feared to fight with him, David was not afraid; because he believed that the LORD who had saved him from the lion and the bear, would give him strength to kill the giant. When Goliath, the giant, saw David, he scorned him, for he was but a boy, and had no sword or shield, nothing but a shepherd's bag with stones in it and a sling in his hand. But David ran to meet him in the Name of the LORD GOD of Israel, and took a stone and slang it; and the stone sank into the giant's forehead and he fell upon his face to the earth. Then David cut off his head with Goliath's own great sword. Afterward GOD chose to make David king over Israel in place of Saul. This did not make him proud, but very humble. He loved and obeyed his GOD and wished to build a great and beautiful Temple for Him. GOD said that his son Solomon should build the Temple; but David loved to think about it, and gathered together a great store of costly things to make it beautiful. David sometimes did wrong, but he was very sorry for it, and tried the harder to please GOD afterward. So that he is called "The man after GOD's own heart." David said that GOD was *his God*. He is ours, too, if we delight to serve Him; GOD the Father, who made us and takes care of us; GOD the Son, who bought us with His own blood and prays for us in Heaven; GOD the Holy Ghost, who makes us good. This blessed Trinity, three Persons in one GOD,

is *our God*; we were baptized into His Holy Name. Now let us repeat the Text.

QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was the man after GOD'S own heart ?

When he was a boy what did he do ?

What fierce animals did he kill ?

Whom did he afterward kill with a sling-stone ?

Who gave him courage and strength to kill both the wild beasts and the giant Goliath ?

What did David sing to his harp ?

In whose place did GOD put David ?

Was David proud and wilful after he became a king ?

What did he want to do for GOD ?

Did David ever do wickedly ?

How did he feel and act afterward ?

Is the GOD that David loved so much, our GOD also ?

How many Persons are there in the one GOD ?

What has GOD the Father done for us ?

What has GOD the Son done for us ?

What does GOD the Holy Ghost do for us ?

Are these three Gods ?

What do we call the Three-in-One :

PRAYER.

GOD the Father, GOD the Son, GOD the Holy Ghost, look upon these Thy little children, who have been baptized in Thy Holy Name. Give them grace to seek Thee early, while they are young. Give them grace to believe in Thee, to fear and love Thee with all their heart. Be

Thou our GOD, to keep, and save, and make us good; that we may live with Thee forever. Amen.

## HYMN.

We are little Christian children,  
 We can think, and praise, and pray;  
 The great GOD of earth and heaven  
 Made and keeps us every day.  
 We are little Christian children,  
 Saved by Him who loved us most;  
 We believe in GOD Almighty,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

424, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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## The First Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

### HONOUR.

TEXT: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man."—Lev. xix. 32.

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LESSON STORY—ELISHA.

When Elijah went up to heaven in the chariot of fire, there was one who stood looking after him, and wishing that he might be as good and great as Elijah. It was his servant Elisha. GOD granted his prayer, and was with him as he had been with Elijah, and gave him the power

to do many wonderful things. He parted the river Jordan with Elijah's mantle, and passed over on dry ground as his master had done. He healed a spring of water so that the country around became fertile. He made harmless a poisonous plant which had been boiled for food. He caused an iron axe-head to swim in the water. He supplied a poor widow with oil to sell for all her needs. He feasted a hundred hungry men with a few barley loaves and ears of corn. He healed Naaman, the Syrian, of leprosy. He restored a dead child to life by his prayers. GOD gave him the power to do these miracles, and GOD guarded him from harm. Once, when the city where he dwelt was surrounded by soldiers who had come to seize him, his servant trembled with fear lest they should be killed. But Elisha was not afraid. He asked GOD to open his servant's eyes. Then the young man saw what had been so plain to Elisha, that a host of angels with horses and chariots of fire were guarding them from the enemy. Should you not think that every one would reverence a man whom GOD chose to honour like this? But when Elisha was returning from the Jordan after the ascension of Elijah, a great many children ran after him, mocking him, and shouting, "Go up, thou bald head!" GOD was angry with them, and sent two bears out of the woods which tore in pieces over forty of them. These were the children of wicked parents, who cared nothing for good people or holy things. But do you children honour all old persons and those whom GOD has set over you? Do you give the best place to them, listen when they are speaking, and help them if

they need it? GOD has said, "Honour thy father and thy mother," and He will surely punish those who do not honour His ministers, those who rule over our country, our masters, our teachers, and all old people."

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who saw Elijah go up into heaven ?

Whom did he wish to be like ?

What did he do with Elijah's mantle ?

What else did GOD give him the power to do ?

How did GOD guard Elisha from harm when the city was surrounded by soldiers ?

Did GOD honour Elisha ?

Did good men and women honour him ?

Was there any one who did not honour him ?

What did many wicked children say and do ?

How did GOD punish them ?

Will GOD punish children now, who do not honour their parents, their ministers, their rulers, teachers, and all old people

Which of GOD's Commandments teaches us to honour those whom GOD has set over us ?

What does the text say ?

#### PRAYER.

Great GOD, who seest all that we do, and will surely punish wicked children; have mercy on these Thy little ones, and help them to win Thy favour by honouring their parents, their pastors and teachers, and all old persons.

Make them humble and reverent, like Thy dear Son Jesus,  
for whose sake we ask all. Amen.

## HYMN.

The lips that dare be so profane  
As mock, and jeer, and scoff,  
At holy things or holy men,  
The LORD shall cut them off.

When children in their wanton play,  
Served old Elisha so,  
And bade the prophet go his way,  
“Go up, thou bald-head, go!”

GOD quickly stopped their wicked breath,  
And sent two raging bears  
That tore them limb from limb to death,  
Warning for future years.

Great GOD, how terrible art Thou,  
When children wilful sin;  
Grant me Thy grace, and teach me now  
Thy service to begin.

Tune 271, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl., C. M.

## The Second Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD.

### REMEMBER.

TEXT: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—  
Ecc. xii. 1.

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LESSON STORY—NAAMAN.

How bad you would feel if some soldiers were to come and carry you away from your dear father and mother to be a slave in a strange land! This was what happened to a little girl in Israel. A company of soldiers came from Syria, took her from her home, and gave her to the wife of their captain, Naaman. The little girl waited on Naaman's wife. I think she tried to do her work well, for she did not forget in that heathen land that she was GOD's child. Because she remembered Him, GOD made her the means of teaching this people about Himself, the one true GOD. Her master, Naaman, was a brave captain, and the king loved and honoured him, but he suffered from a dreadful disease called leprosy. This little girl was sorry for him, and told her mistress that GOD's prophet in Israel could heal him. So Naaman went to the land of Israel and came to Elisha's house in his chariot, with a train of servants and many beautiful presents for the prophet. Elisha did not want his presents, and did not even come out to see him, but sent word to him to go wash in the river Jordan seven times. Naaman was so

proud that this treatment made him angry. He thought that the clear rivers in his own country were much better than the muddy Jordan, and he refused to wash in it until his servants begged him to do so. After washing seven times he was healed. His flesh became like that of a little child. Then he was so grateful that he said he would worship only the LORD GOD of Israel. Naaman's washing in Jordan is like Holy Baptism, which makes us clean from sin. Yet some are too proud to do so small a thing, and will not believe that it can do so much for them. We do not know whether the little maid of Israel came back to her own home again ; but wherever she was she had GOD'S care and blessing and the honour of doing a great work for Him.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was taken as a captive to a strange land ?

Whom did she wait upon there ?

What dreadful disease had her master, Naaman ?

What did she tell her mistress ?

Was this doing good for evil ?

What did Naaman do when he heard what the little maid had said ?

Did Elisha care for his splendor and presents ?

What word did Elisha send him ?

Was he willing to wash seven times in the river Jordan ?

Who persuaded him to do it ?

What happened to him then ?

Whom did he say was the only One he would worship ?

What is Naaman's washing in the Jordan like ?  
 From what will Baptism wash us clean ?  
 What kind of persons refuse to be baptized ?  
 Do you remember GOD when you are with those who do  
     not know Him ?  
 Can you speak for GOD and His Church, as this little  
     maid of Israel did

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, make these Thy little children, like  
 the little maid of Israel, messengers to others of Thy  
 truth and love ; that all may know Thee, the only true  
 GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. For His  
 dear sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Remember thy Creator now,  
     In these thy youthful days ;  
 He will accept thy earliest vow,  
     And listen to thy praise.

Remember thy Creator now,  
     His willing servant be ;  
 Then when the evil days shall come,  
     He will remember thee.

Tune 397, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl., C. M.

## The Third Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**LIE.**

TEXT: "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord."—Prov. xii. 22.

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LESSON STORY—GEHAZI.

Elisha's servant Gehazi wanted some of the nice presents which Naaman had offered to give to his master. Can you tell what sin he committed in wishing for them? So in order to get them, he went quietly after Naaman, and said that two sons of the prophets had come to visit his master, and that he would like to give them some silver and changes of garments. This was a lie, but Naaman did not know it, and gladly gave him more than he had asked for. Then Gehazi hid the things, and went to wait upon his master, who asked where he had been. And he answered with another lie, for he said that he had not been anywhere. But Elisha was a prophet, and GOD had made known to him all that Gehazi had done; and he told him that for his punishment the leprosy of Naaman should always cling to him and his children. There is no prophet now to know the things that we do, but GOD sees them all, and knows whether we speak the truth or not. He cannot bear a lie, and will not admit a liar into Heaven. The devil is the father of lies. When he tempts you to speak one, say, "Thou, GOD, seest me," and ask Him to "Set a watch before your mouth and keep the door of your lips."

Pray also that your "heart" may not "be inclined to any evil thing"; for that was the first way in which Gehazi went wrong.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was Elisha's servant ?

What did he long to have ?

Was it right for him to covet them ?

What Commandment did he break ?

How did he try to get them ?

Did he speak the truth to Naaman ?

What other command did he break ?

What did he do with the silver and clothing ?

When Elisha asked him where he had been, what did he say ?

What Commandment did he break ?

Did Elisha know what he had been doing ?

In what way did Elisha say that GOD would punish him ?

What does GOD hate

Repeat the text ?

If you tell a lie, does GOD know all about it

Will GOD receive you into Heaven if you tell lies

What should you do when you are tempted to tell a lie ?

#### PRAYER.

O GOD, keep the door of our lips, that no lying word may ever pass through them. Let not our hearts be inclined to any evil thing. And forgive all the sinful words we may have spoken. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Children of God in early youth,  
 Must learn to walk in wisdom's way;  
 To fear a lie, to speak the truth;  
 Then we may trust to all they say.  
 But liars we can never trust  
 Though they should speak the thing that's true;  
 And he that does one fault at first,  
 And lies to hide it, makes it two.

Tune 384, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl., L. M.

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## The Fourth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD.

**PRAY.**

TEXT: "Thus saith the Lord: I have heard thy prayer; I will heal thee."—2 Kings xx. 5.

LESSON STORY—HEZEKIAH.

After the death of Solomon, the kingdom of Israel was divided into two kingdoms, and many kings succeeded one another in ruling over them. Most of these were wicked kings, who did not love GOD nor seek to please Him, but set up idols for the people to worship. Hezekiah was one of the few good kings who were like king David, the man of GOD's choice. He destroyed all the idols and worshipped GOD only. He was once in great trouble, because one of

the heathen kings came with a great army to fight against his city, Jerusalem. This heathen king wrote a letter to Hezekiah, telling him that GOD could not possibly save him, so ne might as well give up the city without delay. But Hezekiah took the letter to GOD's House, and there he opened it, and knelt down and talked to GOD about it. He prayed to Him with all his heart, for he believed that GOD would help him. And GOD heard his prayer, and answered it by sending an angel at night to the enemy's camp to destroy them. Their king then went back to his own country, and there he was killed by his two sons. Some time afterward Hezekiah became very sick, and was told by the prophet Isaiah that he must die. He turned his face to the wall, and prayed again to the GOD who could help him, and begged to be restored to health. Then GOD told Isaiah to go back and say to the king: "Thus saith the LORD: I have heard thy prayer; I will heal thee." And GOD said that he should live fifteen years longer. Hezekiah was very happy, but he was not as thankful as he ought to have been; for he became proud and boastful, and made a display of his treasures, which worked harm to his kingdom. GOD is always willing to hear and answer your prayers, if you believe as King Hezekiah did, that He can and will help you. Our dear Lord Jesus has promised that if we "ask," we "shall receive." We must not forget to thank GOD when He gives us what we ask for.

QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What kind of a king was Hezekiah ?  
What great trouble did he have ?  
What did the heathen king send to him ?  
What did he do with the letter ?  
Did GOD hear and answer his prayer ?  
Whom did GOD send to destroy the enemy ?  
What became of their king ?  
What happened afterward to king Hezekiah ?  
What word did GOD send to him by Isaiah the prophet ?  
What did Hezekiah do when he heard this ?  
What answer did GOD make to his prayer ?  
How many years did GOD add to his life ?  
Was king Hezekiah very happy ?  
Did he show by his actions that he was thankful ?  
What wrong thing did he do ?  
When you pray, is GOD ready to hear and answer you ?  
Who has said " Ask, and ye shall receive ?"  
When GOD gives you good things, what ought you to do ?

PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, give Thy little children grace to come to Thee in all their troubles, as king Hezekiah did. And of Thy goodness hear and answer their prayers as shall be best for them. And give them thankful hearts. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Where is the Holy Jesus ?  
 He lives in Heaven so fair;  
 He loves that little children  
 Should speak to Him in prayer.

Then every night and morning,  
 When I kneel down to pray,  
 I will ask the Holy Jesus  
 To help me day by day.

428, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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## The Fifth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD :

**TENDER.**

TEXT : " He turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might."—2 Kings, xxiii. 25.

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LESSON STORY—**JOSIAH.**

Josiah was the great grandson of Hezekiah. He was a little boy, only eight years old when he was made king. His own father and grandfather were wicked men. But he did not want to be like them. He wanted to please GOD as Hezekiah and his great ancestor king David did, and " he turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might." He went to work

repairing and making the Temple, GOD'S House, as beautiful as he could ; and while they were busy doing that, the High-priest found a Book there which had not been read for many years. It was GOD'S Book and it told that GOD was going to punish the people of Israel because they had forsaken GOD and worshipped idols. When king Josiah heard it read, he was so sorry that he wept. He took down the idols and their temples and burned them, and tried to make all the people keep GOD'S laws. GOD loved this young king, and said that because his heart was tender, no harm should come to him, but all should be peaceful and happy during his reign. Do you remember a king who had a very hard heart ? It was Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt. Your heart may be growing hard even now, if you are not trying to please GOD, and keep His Commandments. GOD'S holy Book says that He will punish all those who break His laws. Ask GOD to give you a tender heart, and make you care more about pleasing Him, than for anything else.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

How old was Josiah when he was made king ?

Whom did he wish to be like ?

What did he want most of all to do ?

What kind of a heart did Josiah have ?

What great works did he do ?

What did the High-priest find when they were repairing the Temple ?

What was written in GOD'S Book ?

How did king Josiah feel when he heard these words ?  
 What did GOD say that He would do for him because  
 his heart was tender ?

Do you remember which king had a very hard heart ?  
 What kind of a heart have you got ?

If you do not listen to your parents and teachers when  
 they want you to do right, what does it show ?

What should we pray GOD to give us ?

How must we turn to the LORD ?

PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, search the hearts of these dear children of Thine. Soften them if they are growing hard, make and keep them tender, anxious to do right, afraid to do wrong, like the boy-king Josiah. And make them more like that other Boy, in whose Name we ask all, Thy dear Son Jesus. Amen.

HYMN.

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him,  
 We'll bring Him thankful praise ;  
 And young souls meekly striving  
 To walk in holy ways.  
 And these shall be the treasures  
 We offer to the King,  
 And these are gifts that even  
 The poorest child may bring.

152, "CHURCH PORCH" Hyl.

## The Sixth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**SLAVE.**

**TEXT:** "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm cxxxvii. 5.

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### LESSON STORY—ZEDEKIAH.

In the reign of Hezekiah, the king of Assyria took the Israelites as captives to his own country; so that only one of the twelve tribes, the tribe of Judah, was left, over which Hezekiah, and afterward the boy-king Josiah, reigned. The reason that GOD let the Israelites be made captives was because they worshipped idols, which the First and Second Commandments forbid GOD's children to worship. After this the tribe of Judah also broke GOD's command. And in the book which Josiah found in GOD's house, it was told that they, too, should be punished like Israel by being made slaves; but not while Josiah lived. GOD did not let him have that trouble because his heart was tender and good. (Let us repeat the text for last Sunday.) After Josiah's death his people grew more wicked, for they had wicked kings to rule over them. The name of their last king was Zedekiah. Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, came and fought against Jerusalem, and took it. He burned GOD's House, and all the fine large houses in the city. He bound Zedekiah the king with chains of brass, and put out his eyes; and he took

him and all but a few poor people to Babylon for slaves. They sat by the rivers in that strange land and wept as they thought of Jerusalem, and that they had been the cause of its being burned, by their sins. They could not be glad or sing any more the sweet songs of Zion; so they hung up their harps on the willow-trees which grew on the banks of the rivers Ulai and Chebar. They sadly thought that if they could only return to their own dear country, they would never have another idol, but always worship the one true GOD. GOD has given to you, His little Christian child, many blessings which the Jews of old did not have. You can show that you think a great deal of them by going to GOD'S House every Sunday to pray and sing to Him there, and by trying to learn all the good things that GOD wants His little child to know. If you do not care to do this, GOD will take away these blessings from you, and give them to others who will serve Him gladly with all their hearts.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Whom did the king of Assyria carry into captivity when

Hezekiah ruled over Judah ?

Whom beside the Israelites were taken to Babylon as slaves after King Josiah died ?

Who was the last king of Judah ?

What was done to him ?

What was done to the city of Jerusalem ?

Why did GOD let His people suffer so ?

What Commandments had they broken ?

What did they do by the rivers in Babylon ?

What did they say ? (Repeat Text.)

Why did they say these words ?

Do you love GOD'S Church ?

Would you remember it if you were far away from it ?

Do you pray GOD to bless His Church, and make you a faithful member of it ?

PRAYER.

O Lord Jesus Christ, to whom the children in the Temple sang hosannas, make us always glad to be in Thy House. Fill our hearts with the love of Thee and of Thy holy Church; may the thought of it be dear to us; may we pray for its peace. And at last bring us into Thy Temple above, to praise Thee forever. Amen.

HYMN.

I love the Church, the holy Church,  
 The Saviour's spotless Bride.  
 And oh, I love her palaces,  
 Through all the world so wide.  
 Be mine through life, to live in her,  
 And when the LORD shall call,  
 To die in her, the loved of Christ,  
 The mother of us all.

108 p., GOODRICH S. S. Hyl.

## The Seventh Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**FREE.**

TEXT: "And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered, Amen."—Neh. viii. 6.

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### LESSON STORY—EZRA AND NEHEMIAH.

After seventy years of slavery, GOD moved the heart of the heathen king Cyrus, so that he was sorry for the Jews and willing that they should go back to Jerusalem, and he also wished to help them to rebuild the Temple, GOD'S House. One of the chief men of the Jews went back as governor, others as priests; and the foundation of GOD'S House was laid. The people shouted and sang now, for they were free and happy, and many old men who had seen the first Temple wept for joy. Yet they had enemies around them, who succeeded after awhile in stopping their work for GOD by writing untrue things about them to a new king who ruled in place of Cyrus. But afterward, when Darius became king, he allowed the work to go on, and gave an abundance of everything that was needed for it. Artaxerxes was the next king, and his cup-bearer was Nehemiah, a Jew, who loved his GOD and his country. When he heard that the wall of Jerusalem was broken down and the gates burnt with fire, he was so sad that the king asked what was the matter, and let him go back there with the help that he needed. The wall of the city was

built up to keep their enemies outside, and the gates repaired. Nehemiah was a brave and good governor. He worked hard without pay, and he would not let the people break GOD's holy Day or do anything else that was wrong if he could help it. He would not stop the work which GOD had given him to do, from fear of his enemies. Ezra the Priest also went up to Jerusalem with many others. When the Temple was completed, Ezra brought out the Word of GOD; and he stood upon a pulpit of wood. When he opened the Book, all the men, women, and children stood up reverently, and he read aloud so that they could understand all that GOD had said and what He wished them to do. Then they worshipped GOD, bowing their heads with their faces to the ground, and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great GOD; and all the people answered, Amen. We, too, must worship GOD in His House with awe and holy fear. Children as well as grown persons ought to stand in praising GOD, and kneel upon their knees when they pray to Him. They too should answer Amen and join in the Service as well as they can. If they listen they can understand GOD's Priest now, when he reads, like Ezra, from GOD's holy Word. The Jews never again worshipped idols, for they had at last learned the lesson that only in the service of GOD can one be really free and happy.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

How many years were GOD's people slaves in Babylon?  
How were the Jews set free at last?

- Who helped them to rebuild the Temple at Jerusalem ?  
 Who forced them afterward to stop the work ?  
 What king helped them to rebuild the wall and finish  
 the Temple ?  
 Whom did he appoint as governor ?  
 What kind of a governor was Nehemiah ?  
 What did he want the people to do ?  
 What Priest also returned to Jerusalem ?  
 What did Ezra the Priest, read aloud to the people ?  
 What did they do when he opened the Book ?  
 What did Ezra do when he had finished reading ?  
 What did the people answer ?  
 How did they show reverence to GOD ?  
 Ought children to stand and kneel in church as older  
 persons do ?  
 Ought they to answer Amen, and to repeat the Creed  
 and the Lord's prayer ?  
 Ought children to listen when GOD's Holy Word is  
 read ?  
 Why did the people sing and shout ?  
 What did they never again worship ?  
 Which of GOD's Commandments forbid the worship of  
 idols ?  
 When your heart is full of your play in GOD's House, is  
 not that like worshipping an idol, instead of GOD ?

PRAYER.

Blessed Lord Jesus, to whom the children in the Temple  
 sang praises ; make these children glad to be in Thy

House ; help them to worship Thee with their bodies and their souls ; help them to listen when Thy Holy Word is read ; and grant them Thy peace evermore. Amen.

## HYMN.

Lord, by Thee in safety borne  
 To another Sunday morn ;  
 Once again our pilgrim feet  
 In Thy peaceful Temple meet.  
 We must answer for to-day  
 For its Service and its rest ;  
 Give us grace to praise and pray,  
 Grace to love Thee and be blest.

100 p., GOODRICH S. S. Hymnal.

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## The Eighth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD :

### USE.

TEXT: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther iv. 14.

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### LESSON STORY—ESTHER.

There was once a very beautiful girl named Esther, who was brought up by her uncle Mordecai, as her parents were dead. They were Jews, but like many other Jews who had been carried away from their own country, they were

living in Persia. Now the king of Persia made Esther his wife. So she became a queen, and lived in a splendid palace, and had many to wait upon her. One day Esther's servants told her that her uncle Mordecai was standing at the king's gate, dressed in coarse, rough clothes, and weeping. When Esther sent to ask what his trouble was, Mordecai said that all their people, the Jews, would be killed on a certain day, unless she could get the king to save them. A wicked man named Haman, who hated Mordecai, was the cause of this. Esther was afraid to go to the king to ask him, because he might kill her for going into his presence without having been called. But Mordecai told her to think that perhaps GOD had made her the queen on purpose that she might do this. Then she said that if the Jews in the city would all fast and pray for her, she and her maidens would do the same, and then she would go to the king. So when the day arrived, she put on her royal dress, and went into the presence of king Ahasuerus, where he sat on his royal throne. When he saw Esther coming, he was pleased, and held out his golden sceptre to show that he was not angry with her; and he told her to ask what she wished for and it should be given to her. Then, after she had invited him and the man Haman (who had caused all this trouble) to a feast, she told him what Haman wished to do, and begged for her own life and the life of her people. The king was very angry with Haman when he heard this, and had him hanged on a gallows which Haman had made for Mordecai. And the king protected and honoured the Jews, and made a

great man of Mordecai. GOD had raised up Esther to be queen, so that she might save the Jewish people, GOD's people, from death. That was her work on earth. GOD has some work for each one of you to do for Him. Ask GOD to show you what it is, and to help you to do it as well as you can.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was the beautiful girl who became queen of Persia?

When her parents died, who brought her up?

In what great danger were the Jews?

Who was the enemy who wished to kill them?

What did Haman have made for Mordecai?

What did he ask Queen Esther to do?

Why was she afraid to ask the king?

What did Mordecai tell her to think about?

What did she ask all of the Jews to do?

What did King Ahasuerus do when he saw Esther coming toward his throne?

What did he promise to give her?

What did Esther ask for?

What did the king do to Haman, the Jews' enemy?

What did the king do for Mordecai and the other Jews?

What was Esther's work on earth?

Has GOD got some work for each one of you, which He wishes you to do?

Will you ask Him to show you what that work is, and help you to do it well?

## PRAYER.

O great and loving GOD, who hast made these Thy little children for Thy love and service. Make use of each one. Help them to do Thy work well, whether it shall be a great work like Queen Esther's, or the little work of every day. And save them from all harm. For Jesus' dear sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Make use of me, my GOD,  
Let me not be forgot;  
Let not Thy child be cast aside,  
One whom Thou usest not.

All things do serve Thee here,  
All creatures, great and small,  
I pray make use of me, my GOD,  
The weakest of them all.

Tune, 115 p., GOODRICH S. S. Hyl.

## The Ninth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON Word.

### PATIENT.

TEXT: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord."—Job i. 21.

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LESSON STORY—JOB.

Long, long ago, in the land of Uz, there lived a very rich man named Job. He loved and feared GOD and taught his children to do the same. Whenever they had been feasting together, he offered special prayers for them, because he feared that they might forget GOD, and say or do something to displease Him. Job used his money well, for he was always ready to help those who were in trouble, and he fed many hungry people. He was just and true in everything, and all men respected and honoured him. GOD was pleased with His servant Job because his heart was right. But Satan envied and hated him just because he was so good. He wanted to make Job do wrong. GOD let him try. One day some very bad news came to Job. He was told that all his herds of oxen and camels had been carried away by thieves; that his flocks of sheep had been burned, and his servants killed; and that the house in which his children were feasting together had fallen and buried them all. Job was very poor now, for all his riches were gone. Yet he said:—"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD." This

was not all the trouble which came upon him. He became sick, and was covered with boils which gave him great pain, and no one liked to be with him. Still he was patient, and said:—"Shall we receive good at the hand of GOD, and shall we not receive evil?" When his friends came to see him, instead of comforting him, they told him that he must be a very wicked man to have such great troubles sent upon him. But GOD knew that Job's heart was right, and only let him suffer what was for his good. When his trial was over, he was better for it, and GOD gave him much more than he had before. Job lived to be a very old man, rich in flocks and herds, in silver and gold and in servants; and he was surrounded by sons and daughters who loved him. GOD'S children now are sometimes sick, sometimes in tears, sometimes cold and hungry. It is their trial, and if they bear it well, they will be better and happier for it. GOD will wipe away the tears, will make us well and glad, and give us all good things, if we are patient and trust Him in all our trials.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What rich man lived in the land of Uz ?
- What kind of a man was Job ?
- What did he teach his children ?
- What did he do when they feasted together ?
- Who wanted to make Job do wrong ?
- What did God let Satan do ?
- What great troubles came one day upon Job ?
- What did he say when he heard all the bad news ?

What sickness did Job have to bear ?  
 How did he act in all his suffering ?  
 How did his friends treat him ?  
 Who was his friend when all others left him ?  
 What did GOD do for him when his trial was over ?  
 Does GOD let everyone have trials ?  
 What kind of trials do you have ?  
 Does Satan try to make you do wrong ?  
 When you are poor or sick or sad, how can you, like  
 Job, please GOD ?  
 Will GOD give you all good things, after your trials are  
 over, if you are patient and trust Him ?

## PRAYER.

O GOD, Heavenly Father, Thou hast made these children  
 well and happy, and hast given them many good things.  
 Give them also thankful hearts. When they are sick or  
 sad, cold or hungry, help them to be patient, like Thy ser-  
 vant Job, and make them sure that Thou wilt do every-  
 thing for their good. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Heavenly Father, it is written,  
 "Be ye patient," in Thy Word.  
 Make us patient, like Thy servant  
 Job the good, of whom we've heard;  
 Give us hearts like Thine, dear Saviour,  
 Never by impatience stirred.  
 Gently bearing every trial,  
 Full of trust in Thee our GOD.

p. 73, "LITTLE PILGRIM SONGS," Biglow & Main, N. Y.

## The Tenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD :

**FEED.**

TEXT : "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom."—  
Isa. xi. 11.

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LESSON STORY—ISAIAH.

Isaiah was a holy man of GOD. He was called a Prophet, because GOD sent him to teach His people, and He showed him things that would come to pass many hundred years after. We remember that Isaiah carried GOD's message to king Hezekiah when he was sick. Isaiah lived seven hundred and sixty years before our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, and yet he knew what Jesus was going to do while here, because GOD let him see it all in his mind. And then Isaiah told the people, and it was written down and kept, so that we still have his sayings, and can read them in our Bibles. One of the beautiful things he said about our Lord Jesus was this : "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom." The flock of sheep are Christ's people, and He is the Good Shepherd. He has a fold for them all, which is called the Church ; the children are the lambs, and the very little ones He gathers in His arm in Holy Baptism, and carries them in His bosom. Jesus loves His lambs

very much. He blessed them when He was upon earth, and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of GOD." When little lambs wander away from the fold, they cannot find their way back without Him. He goes after them over the rough rocks, amongst the tangled bushes and sharp thorns, where wild beasts lie in wait, and has suffered more than we can know in order to save them. Yes, the Good Shepherd gave His life for His lambs and His sheep. Will you not try to be a very gentle, obedient lamb, and thankfully stay in His safe fold, the Church, until He takes you in His arms to carry you into the bright Paradise of GOD.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was Isaiah ?

What did GOD send His prophet to do ?

What did GOD let His prophet see ?

How many years before Christ came, did Isaiah live ?

To what king did Isaiah take GOD'S messages ?

Did all that he told about Him come to pass ?

What was one of the many beautiful things that he said about our Lord Jesus Christ ?

What does Christ call Himself ?

Who are Christ's flock of sheep ?

Who are His lambs ?

What is the name of His fold ?

What did Christ say about little children ?

When His lambs wander from the fold, what does the Good Shepherd do ?

Did He do even more than that for them ?  
 What kind of a lamb ought you to be ?  
 When did Christ take you into His fold, the Church ?  
 Into what beautiful place will He carry you when you  
 leave this world ?

PRAYER.

O Thou Good Shepherd, bless these little lambs, made Thine in Holy Baptism. Keep them safely in Thy Fold. Help them to be Thy gentle, obedient lambs. Bring back those who are wandering far away from Thee. And carry them all at last into Thy beautiful Fold in Heaven. For Thy merits' sake. Amen.

HYMN.

I am Jesus' little lamb ;  
 Therefore glad and gay I am.  
 Jesus loves me, Jesus knows me ;  
 All that's good and fair He shows me ;  
 Tends me every day the same ;  
 Even calls me by my name.

Out and in I safely go ;  
 Want nor danger never know.  
 Soft green pastures He discloseth,  
 Where His happy flock repositeth.  
 When I faint or thirsty be,  
 To the brook He leadeth me.

Should not I be glad and gay  
 In this blessed Fold all day ?  
 By this holy Shepherd tended,  
 Whose kind arms when life is ended,  
 Bear me to the world of light ?  
 Yes, oh yes, my lot is bright.  
 Tune, 51 p., GOODRICH, S. S. Hyl. (adapted).

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## The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity.

LESSON WORD :

**BEAR.**

TEXT : " It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."—  
 Lam. iii. 27.

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### LESSON STORY—JEREMIAH.

Jeremiah, who lived six hundred and twenty-nine years before Christ, also belonged to " the goodly fellowship of " GOD'S " Prophets ; " but he had many sad things to tell the people, which they did not want to hear. He wept over the sorrows which were coming upon them, as our Lord Jesus did ; yet he told them just what GOD had said, that He would punish them, because they were wicked, by sending them far away from their own beautiful city, to be slaves to strangers. (Josiah was king when Jeremiah began to speak these words, and Zedekiah, before he had finished his prophecies.) The people were angry when

they heard this, and tried not to believe it. They treated Jeremiah very badly, putting him into a deep pit of mud, and they even thought of killing him. But GOD took care of him, so that he did not die. Jeremiah had to bear a heavy burden which he could not get rid of, yet he said, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." We know that oxen, and sometimes other animals, have to wear a yoke to keep them in the right way, or from hurting somebody; but do men and women, and children, ever wear yokes? We cannot see them, perhaps, but we may have to wear them; and if it is for a long time, we learn to be patient under it, and it is good for us. Our dear LORD asks us to wear *His* yoke. He says it is an easy yoke, and will make us peaceful and happy. These are His words: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me,—for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Sometimes the yoke is sickness, or being deformed, or lame, or blind. Whatever it is, He will make it easy for us to bear. It is good even for children to bear this yoke "in their youth."

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Read the text aloud?

What prophet wrote these words?

What kings were ruling when Jeremiah gave GOD's message to the people of Judah?

What kind of a message was it?

How did it make Jeremiah feel when he had to speak words like these?

How did the Jews act when they heard his words?

How did they treat Jeremiah ?

Who kept him alive ?

Did GOD let Jeremiah see wonderful things that were to  
happen many hundred years after ?

Did Jeremiah bear his yoke patiently ?

What kind of animals wear yokes ?

What kind of yokes do children sometimes have to  
wear ?

Does our Lord Jesus ask us to wear a yoke ?

What does He say about His yoke ?

Will it make us better and happier to wear His yoke ?

#### PRAYER.

Lord Jesus, give Thy children grace to bear Thine easy yoke with patience, that they may grow more like Thee, who hast carried the heavy cross for them. And grant that they may at last wear the crown which Thou hast won for them through Thy merits. Amen.

#### HYMN.

Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
For Thou hast borne the heavy cross,  
That wear a glorious crown, I may.

Tune 451, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

## The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**TURN.**

TEXT: "When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness, and doeth that which is—right, he shall save his soul alive."—Ezek. xviii. 27.

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LESSON STORY—EZEKIEL.

When the Jews were taken as captives to Babylon (about 595 B. C.) one of their number was a young man named Ezekiel. He too sat down sadly by the river Chebar, in that strange land, and wept when he remembered Zion. But GOD comforted him. He chose him to be His Prophet, and showed him wonderful pictures of Heaven, which so filled his mind and heart that he did not care how much sorrow he might have to bear in this world. GOD gave him a message for His people. It was that they must repent, that is, be sorry for their wicked acts, and turn and do right, if they would save their souls from death. The people liked to have Ezekiel talk to them. He spoke so beautifully, and had so sweet a voice, that it was like listening to lovely music. But they did not want to do right, nor to turn from their evil ways. GOD sends His Ministers to us now, to tell us that He will punish those who do wrong, but will always forgive, for Jesus' sake, those who turn away from wrong ways, and do the things that are right. Some like to hear

the message, if the minister speaks well and has a pleasant voice and manner ; but will not take the trouble to try with all their hearts to please GOD. The one who really repents is like a boy running down a hill by a path where he has been told not to go. Some one calls to him that it is not safe to go there. He stops and looks around him, and sees that he is on the edge of steep rocks, where, if he should make a mis-step, he would be dashed to pieces. Then he turns right around and climbs carefully up again toward the right road. Now he is safe as long as he does not look back. Are any of these boys or girls going wrong ? Do you sometimes tell a lie, say a word that is not clean, take what is not your own, strike one another ? Are you selfish and greedy ? Do you forget to pray, are your minds full of play in GOD'S House or on His Holy Day ? Then you are not going on the safe road. Stop now, turn right around by GOD'S help, do not look back, but leave all these bad things behind, and take the upward path to Heaven.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

How many years before Christ came were the Jews taken to Babylon ?

Who was one of the captives ?

By what river did he mourn for Jerusalem ?

How did GOD comfort him ? .

What did GOD tell him to say to the people ?

Why were they willing to listen to him ?

Were they ready to do as he told them ?

Whom does GOD send to us now to teach us to be sorry  
for our sins and to do right ?

What do you do that is wrong ?

Then what does GOD want you do ?

For whose sake will He forgive all your naughtiness ?

Whose souls will GOD save from death ?

Who can tell the little story which shows what re-  
penting is like ?

#### PRAYER.

LORD, give Thy children grace to be sorry for all their  
naughtiness, and to turn away from everything that is  
evil. Forgive all their sins, and lead them in the safe  
path to Heaven. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

'Tis not enough to say  
We're sorry and repent ;  
Yet still go on from day to day,  
Just as we always went.

Repentance is to leave  
The sins we loved before,  
And show that we in earnest grieve  
By doing so no more.

TUNE p. 119, GOODRICH S. S. HYL.

## The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**KEPT.**

**TEXT:** "Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God."—Dan. vi. 23.

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LESSON STORY—DANIEL.

Daniel also was taken as a captive to Babylon (607 B. C.) when he was a boy, with three of his friends, whom the ruler of the king's house named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. They were all handsome and intelligent boys, and the king of Babylon took them into his palace, with others. He did not wish them to grow thin, so he sent them wine and rich food from his own table. But Daniel and his friends did not wish to eat of the food which had been offered by the heathen to their idols; so they asked permission to eat only peas, wheat or other vegetables, and to drink water instead of wine. The ruler of the king's household allowed them to try it for ten days, and when it was found that they were fairer and fatter than any of the other boys, they were not asked to eat or drink anything else. GOD blessed them for being so faithful, and gave them wisdom, so that the king promoted them above all the others. GOD gave to Daniel power to explain the dreams of the king, who rewarded him with great gifts and made him chief ruler over Babylon. Soon after this a great trial

came to Daniel's three friends. King Nebuchadnezzar made a great image of gold, and commanded everybody, at the sound of a band of music, to fall down and worship it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego refused to do this, because they would worship none but the LORD GOD; and so they were thrown into a burning fiery furnace, so hot that the flames killed those who threw them in. But GOD kept them from all harm even there, and sent the Son of GOD to be with them in the fire. When the king saw four men walking unhurt in the midst of the furnace, he was so amazed that he rose up in haste and called Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego out of the furnace, and honoured the great GOD who had preserved even their garments from the smell of fire. After the death of Nebuchadnezzar, his son Belshazzar sat on the throne. He was a wicked king, who despised and dishonoured GOD. One day he made a great feast, and took the golden cups from GOD's House for his company to use in drinking wine. While they were feasting and praising their idols, a writing suddenly appeared on the palace wall, with part of the hand that wrote it. Daniel only could tell the meaning, which was that this wicked king Belshazzar was weighed in the balances and found wanting, and that GOD would take away his kingdom from him. That night Belshazzar was slain. Then a great trial came to Daniel. He had enemies, who persuaded the new king, Darius, to make a law that no one should ask anything for thirty days, excepting of the king. Now Daniel had in the upper room of his house a window looking toward Jerusalem; and there he used to kneel

down and pray three times every day, and he did not stop doing this, though he knew that he might be thrown into a den of lions for breaking the king's law. His enemies were on the watch, and reported him to the king, who, though he was very sorry, could not save him from being put into the den. King Darius could not sleep at all that night, and very early in the morning he went in haste to the den, and sadly called aloud to Daniel. And Daniel answered and said, "My GOD hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me." Then "Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his GOD." But when the king commanded his enemies to be thrown in, they were killed by the lions. GOD loved Daniel. He sent His angel to answer his prayers, and let him see wonderful visions of Christ and of Heaven. Will you not think often about faithful Daniel, and ask GOD to give you courage like his to do right at all times and everywhere ?

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What boys were carried captives to Babylon ?

Where did the king place them ?

What did he give them to eat and drink ?

What did Daniel ask that they might eat and drink instead ?

Why did they not wish to eat the heathens' food ?

Did they grow thin on vegetables and water ?

What did GOD give Daniel the power to do ?

How did the king reward him for explaining his dreams ?

What very wicked thing did Belshazzar do ?  
 How did Daniel explain the writing on the palace wall ?  
 What happened to Belshazzar that very night ?  
 What great trial came upon Daniel's three friends ?  
 Who saved them from being hurt by the fire ?  
 What great trial came upon Daniel himself ?  
 Was he afraid to pray as he had done before ?  
 What was done to him for breaking the king's law ?  
 How was he saved from harm ?  
 Why was " no manner of hurt found upon him " ?  
 What happened to his enemies ?  
 How do we know that he was a man " greatly beloved "  
     of GOD ?  
 Are you ever afraid to do right ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, help these Thy children to be as faithful to Thee as Daniel was. Help them to be afraid of nothing but doing wrong. Help them to believe in Thee with all their hearts. Help them to worship Thee, serve Thee, and obey Thee as they ought to do. And give them grace to trust Thee to keep them from all harm. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

When in danger, make me brave;  
     Make me know that Thou canst save;  
 When I'm tempted to do wrong,  
     Make me steadfast, wise, and strong;  
 And when all alone I stand,  
     Shield me with Thy mighty hand.

365, HUTCHINS S. S. Hyl.

## The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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### LESSON WORD.

## CALLED.

TEXT: "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt."—Hosea xi. 1.

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### LESSON STORY—HOSEA.

Hosea is the name of the prophet which I shall tell you about to-day. He lived 785 B. C. The children of Israel had been loved and blessed by GOD, but they did not love Him in return. Can you tell me what GOD had done for them and what He had given them? They took all the good things that He gave them, and did not thank GOD for them; but even used His gifts for the worship of idols. So GOD sent Hosea to tell them that GOD had loved them when they were only a little nation in Egypt. That when they suffered there, GOD was sorry for them, and worked many wonders for their sakes, and brought them safely out of the land of bondage. He begged them to be the loving, grateful children, that they ought to be. Hosea's words were, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt." But his words meant a great deal more than this. They meant that GOD's only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He was a baby on the earth, was taken to Egypt to escape being killed by king Herod, and that after Herod was dead, GOD, His Father,

called Him out of Egypt to return into the land of Canaan, His earthly home.

GOD also calls us, His children, whom He loves, out of the Egypt of this world, and bids us think of Heaven as our home. Let us be His loving, grateful children, and remember with a thankful heart all that He has given and done for us.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What did GOD do for His people Israel ?

What did He give them ?

What did He call them ?

What did He want them to call Him ?

Were they His thankful, loving children ?

Whom did GOD send to tell His people of His love, and of their sins against Him ?

What words from GOD did Hosea repeat to them ?

About what other Person do these words tell us ?

Why did our Lord Jesus go into Egypt ?

Who called this Son back to Canaan ?

Tell me something that your Heavenly Father has done for you ?

Do you thank Him, and love and obey Him ?

What country is this world like ?

What is the land of Canaan like ?

What place does GOD our Father want us to think of as our Home ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, who dost love Thy little children, and callest them away from the Egypt of this world; give them thankful hearts for all Thy good gifts; help them to love Thee and their home in Heaven; and receive them there at last. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Children of the Heavenly King,  
As we journey, praises sing.  
We are travelling home to GOD  
In the way the fathers trod.

LORD, obediently we'll go,  
Gladly leaving all below;  
Only Thou our leader be,  
And we still will follow Thee.

355, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

## The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

### FAST.

TEXT: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast; assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts."—  
Joel ii. 15, 16.

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### LESSON STORY—JOEL.

For a long time things had not gone well with the Jews. What they planted did not grow. A great army of insects, worms and grasshoppers, came over their land and ate up every green leaf. There were also armies of men, their enemies, which they dreaded still more. No wonder that they felt down-hearted. Perhaps they did not ask for the reason why so much evil came upon them. But GOD wanted them to think about it, and to know that it was He who was sending them trouble because they had forgotten Him. So He sent His Prophet Joel, 800 B. C., who came suddenly among them, calling upon them to *repent*. That was his message, and he kept on repeating it, so that all must hear. He was like S. John the Baptist, "a voice crying in the wilderness," and crowds gathered to listen to that word "Repent." Can you tell me what it means? He told them that they must all go to GOD'S House and weep before Him there; going without eating any food, so that GOD would see that they really meant that they were sorry. He said, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a

fast ; assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts." The trumpet was like a Church bell ; it could be heard afar off. Even the children were not too young to take part in the fast ; even the little babies were to be brought to GOD'S House. Christ's Church now calls on young and old to fast in Lent, and on every Friday in the year. None of you are too small to be sorry for your naughty ways, or to go without candy or cake. Joel's words are still used. You will hear them in Church on Ash Wednesday. And at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer, some of his words are often repeated by Christ's Minister. We must remember that GOD can take away our good things if we do wrong and forget Him. But He will bless those that love Him with all good gifts. The best gift of all, He wishes most to give us, and that is, His Holy Spirit.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

- What great trouble came upon the Jews ?
- Whom did GOD send to tell them the reason for it ?
- What did Joel call on them to do ?
- Whom was he like ?
- What did Joel tell the Priests to do ?
- Why were they to blow trumpets ?
- What did he tell them to sanctify ?
- In what place did he tell them to meet ?
- Who were to come besides the grown people ?
- Why were they to go without eating and to pray to  
GOD ?
- What Fast does Christ's Church sanctify ?

Are children too young to take part in it ?

How can little children fast ?

Are they too young to do wrong and to be sorry for it ?

Have we some of Joel's words in the Prayer Book ?

When will you hear them read ?

If we do wrong and forget GOD, what will He do with  
our good things ?

If we wish to please Him, what will He give us ?

#### PRAYER.

Blessed Saviour, give Thy little children grace to listen to Thy Church, and obey her teachings. Make them truly sorry for their sins, and glad to deny themselves, that they may follow the steps of Thy most holy life here, and dwell with Thee in Heaven. For Thy merits' sake. Am n.

#### HYMN.

I am a Christian child,  
So I must watch and pray;  
Learn to deny myself, and tread  
The narrow, thorny way.

The way that Jesus went,  
And all His saints have gone;  
In the dear footprints of their Lord,  
With patience pressing on.

119 p., GOODRICH S. S. Hyl. Tune 115 p.

## The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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### LESSON WORD.

## SEEK.

**TEXT :** Seek good and not evil, that ye may live ; and so the Lord shall be with you."—Amos v. 14.

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### LESSON STORY—AMOS.

There was once a farmer named Amos living in the country of Judea (787 B. C.), not far from the city of Jerusalem. Wild figs grew plentifully in those parts, and his chief business was to gather them. Perhaps he took them sometimes to the city to sell. But GOD had other work for Amos to do, a message for him to carry to His people, although he had never been trained in the schools of the prophets, and was not a learned man. He had learned to obey, however, so he left his fig-gathering in the green, sunny fields about his home, and went to do GOD's bidding. The task was not a pleasant one. He had to tell the people that GOD was going to punish them, because they only pretended to worship Him while their hearts were far from Him. He had also to speak woes against other nations. Amos often prayed that GOD would forgive His people Israel ; he begged them to seek good and not evil, that the LORD might be with them to bless and keep them from harm ; but because they would not repent, the woe had, at last, to come upon them. You children seek for what you think are good things. You

would take a great deal of trouble to get some ice-cream, candy, playthings, picture-books, or new clothes ; but GOD has much better things than these for us, and He wants us to seek for them. There was once a man looking for pearls. (They are precious because beautiful and costly.) At last he found one that was very large, very beautiful, and worth a great deal. He had not money enough to buy it ; but he went and sold everything that he had and then he bought it ; and he was very happy, because this was worth far more than anything else could be. Such a pearl of great price, our blessed Saviour has for us. We may be glad to give up candy, pretty clothes, playthings, if we can only have this precious Pearl, for with it we shall always have a happy heart, and a home of delight in Heaven. But if we do not care for it, woe and pain and tears will surely come to us, as they did to the people of Israel, who did not want to hear Amos' message.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What countryman in Judea did GOD choose to be His Prophet !

Had he ever been taught in the schools of the Prophets ?

What was he doing in the country near Jerusalem, where he lived ?

What message did GOD tell him to carry to His people ?

Did they pretend to worship GOD without really loving Him ?

How did Amos show his own love and sorrow for them ?

What did he beg them to do ?  
 What good things do you seek for ?  
 What did the man find who looked for pearls ?  
 What did he do when he found a pearl of great price ?  
 What precious pearl of great price has our blessed Sa-  
 viour got for us ?

ANS. The Holy Spirit, and a crown and home in  
 Heaven.

Had we better lose everything else than to lose these ?  
 Have persons sometimes given up all the good things  
 we can see so as to get the more precious things which  
 we cannot now see ?

## PRAYER.

Holy Saviour, be ever with these Thy little ones. Grant  
 that they may seek good and not evil. Make their hearts  
 happy with thy best Gift. And take them at last to Thy  
 home in Heaven. For thy merits' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

There are crowns for little children,  
 Above the bright blue sky ;  
 And those who follow Jesus  
 Shall wear them by and bye.  
 Yes, crowns of brightest glory,  
 Which He shall sure bestow  
 On all who love the Saviour,  
 And walk with Him below.

## The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**DONE.**

TEXT: "As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."—Obad. 15, 21 vs.

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LESSON STORY—OBADIAH.

I am going to tell you a story to-day about a very proud and cruel people, who lived near the Israelites. The Jews, we know were the children of Israel or Jacob. These people were the children of Esau, Jacob's brother, and they were called Edomites. Their country was full of steep rocks, and their houses were caves cut into these rocks at a great distance above the ground, so they thought that no one could reach them there, however much they might make others suffer. But GOD sent His Prophet Obadiah (790 B.C.) to tell them that if they were to make their nests among the stars, He would bring them down and punish them for their cruelty and pride. Obadiah said: "As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S." So GOD moved some heathen nations to make war against Edom, and they were forced to leave their strong caves, and run before their enemies; and many of them were killed. It was now being done to them as they had done to others. Our Lord Jesus said: "What ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This is called the

Golden Rule, because it is worth so much. And here is a little verse which means the same :

“Be you to others kind and true,  
As you'd have others be to you ;  
And never say nor do to them  
What you'd not like to take again.”

If you strike other children, or say things to make them cry, remember that you would not like to be treated so ; that GOD may punish you by letting others strike *you*, or say hateful words to you. If you are cruel to animals, to the dog and cat,—if you like to make them suffer, if you like to hurt and kill flies and grasshoppers, remember that GOD gave them life, and He watches over all of His creatures. GOD rules over all the wicked people as well as the good, and will surely punish those who do wrong. “He is the great King over all the earth,” and the kingdom is the LORD'S forever and ever. Amen.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What was the name of the people who lived near the children of Israel ?

Whose children were they ?

What kind of a people were they ?

What kind of homes did they have ?

Did they think that any one could drive them out of their strong caves in the rocks ?

What word did GOD send to them ?

What did the Edomites have to do when GOD sent heathen nations to fight against them ?

Had they done the same thing to others ?

What did GOD's prophet, Obadiah, say to them ?

What does our Lord Jesus tell us to do ?

What kind of a rule is this called ?

If you strike others, or say unkind words, how may  
GOD punish you ?

To whom does the kingdom belong ?

Does He govern all the wicked people as well as the  
good ?

PRAYER.

Blessed Saviour, who didst love everybody, and forgave those who nailed Thee to the cross. Forgive Thy little children for not being kind to each other. Help them to do to others as they would have others do to them. And grant that they may love Thee above all, and may have a happy share in Thy Kingdom. For Thy sake. Amen.

HYMN.

Do not quarrel, do not chide,

You must love each other ;

Every comrade at your side

Is your Christian brother.

Pride and anger would be shame,

For the child who bears this name.

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## The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**LIKE.**

TEXT : "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."—S. Matt. xii. 40.

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### LESSON STORY—JONAH.

There was once (824 B. C.) a Prophet who had been preaching many good and pleasant things to Israel, and the people liked to hear him. His name was Jonah. But GOD had some other work for him to do, and commanded him to go into another country, to a city called Nineveh, and tell them that their city should be destroyed because of their sins. Jonah did not want to do this ; so he went on board of a ship which was going to a distant land, thinking perhaps, that he could hide himself from GOD. But GOD sent a great storm on the water, and soon the ship was in danger of sinking. The sailors were in great trouble. Then Jonah told them that he was sure that the storm had been sent because of his own bad conduct, and that if they were to cast him into the sea, it would cease. They did not like to do this, but there seemed to be no other way. When they at last, dropped Jonah overboard, the storm ceased, and the sea was quiet again. Do you think that Jonah was drowned ? No, he was not. GOD,

who had seen all his vain attempts to run away from his duty, was watching him now; and to guard him from harm, had a great fish ready to swallow him alive. Jonah was in the fish three days and three nights, and so he was a type or picture of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lay in the grave three days and three nights. At the end of that time, the fish vomited Jonah out upon the dry land; and then GOD again gave him the message to the people of Nineveh. This time he obeyed GOD. When he reached the city (which was so large that it took three days to walk through it), he went a day's journey through its streets, crying, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" Then the king came down from his throne, took off his beautiful dress, and proclaimed a fast. He commanded that all should stop doing anything that was wrong; that no man nor beast should eat or drink anything; but that all should pray to GOD to spare the city. When GOD saw that they were so in earnest, and truly sorry for their wrong-doings, He forgave and did not punish them. He pitied them, specially all the little children and the animals. Jonah did not pity them, but was angry because they were not punished. But GOD was patient with him also.

GOD sees you wherever you are and whatever you are doing. He knows all your thoughts. How glad we should be that GOD cares so much for us; that He always watches over us, and is ready to help us in all our needs.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSONS.

- Whom did GOD send with a message to Nineveh ?  
Was he willing to go ?  
What did he try to do ?  
Where did he go ?  
What happened to them on the water ?  
What did Jonah tell the sailors to do ?  
How did GOD keep Jonah from drowning ?  
How long was Jonah inside of the fish ?  
Of whom was he a type ?  
How long was our Lord Jesus in the grave ?  
What happened to Jonah at the end of this time ?  
Was Jonah willing now to obey GOD ?  
How large a city was Nineveh ?  
When Jonah had gone a day's journey in the city, what  
did he say ?  
What did the king do ?  
What did he command ?  
What did all this show ?  
Did GOD pity and forgive them ?  
Whom was He specially sorry for ?  
Does GOD always see you and all that you do ?  
What ought you always to remember ?

## PRAYER.

Great GOD, help Thy little children to remember that  
Thou seest them always; and give them grace to be sorry  
for their sins, and to do Thy will. For Jesus' sake.  
Amen.

## HYMN.

GOD sees the little sparrow fall,  
 It meets His tender view,  
 If GOD so loves the little birds,  
 I know He loves me too.  
     He loves me too, He loves me too,  
     I know He loves me too;  
 Because He loves the little things,  
 I know He loves me too.  
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## The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

### DUTY.

TEXT: "Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."—  
 Micah vi. 8.

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LESSON STORY—MICAH.

Do you know where Christ was born? The Jews knew the name of the place many hundred years before He was born, because Micah the prophet had told them, and had written it down, 758 B. C. GOD had told Micah this, and also that the great city of Jerusalem should be nothing but a heap of stones seventy years after. Our Lord Jesus, we know, wept over the city when He, too, spoke of its ruin. Micah told the people how to live so as to please GOD. He

said these words, "Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy GOD." These words are for you also. How can a child "do justly"? By not spoiling the things around you which belong to others,—the trees and flowers, the benches and books; by keeping your promises. How can a child "love mercy"? By being sorry for the sick and poor, the lame, the foolish or queer people, and trying to help them; by being kind to all animals. How can a child "walk humbly with GOD"? By not being wilful in your own way, but trying to do everything just as GOD, and as father and mother would like to have you do?

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Where was Christ born?

Who said many hundred years before, where Christ should be born?

Who told him this?

What else did GOD tell Micah?

Who wept when He thought of the ruin of the city of Jerusalem?

What did Micah teach the people to do?

What did he say to them?

How can children "do justly"?

How can children "love mercy"?

How can children "walk humbly with GOD"?

#### PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look upon these Thy little children. Forgive all their sins. Help them always to "do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly" with Thee, their GOD; and

so to please Thee well in all things. For Jesus' dear sake.  
Amen.

## HYMN.

Lead every child that bears Thy Name,  
To walk in Thine own guileless way;  
To dread the touch of sin and shame,  
And humbly, like Thyself, obey.

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## The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**TRUST.**

TEXT: "The Lord is good; and He knoweth them that trust in Him."  
—Nahum i. 7.

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LESSON STORY—NAHUM.

Nahum was one of GOD'S Prophets, who lived 700 B. C. He told of the ruin which was coming upon the great city of Nineveh. Do you remember who was sent once before this with such a message? They were spared then because they repented. But this time they would not repent of their wicked doings, and GOD punished them seventy-five years after Nahum told of their fall. The great city was buried so deep in the earth that for a long time no one knew that a city had been there. Long afterward, people dug into the earth, and found silver and gold and no end of beautiful

things. And many came to look at all that was left of what had once seemed so strong and enduring. The other nations were glad to see Nineveh destroyed, because her kings were so cruel to them all. We see that nations can be wicked and that GOD will judge them, as well as each particular man, woman, and child. We ought to feel very anxious to have our dear country a good nation, for if it will not serve GOD, America too shall yet be destroyed. Nahum talked to his own people about GOD's goodness to them; of the many blessings He had given them; and he told them that they ought always to trust in GOD. Can you tell of something that GOD has given to you, something that He has done for you? Do you trust that He will take care of you and love you always, if you try to do His will? Yet some persons are very much afraid when they think that they have only GOD to take care of them. They are afraid to be alone with Him. They want a great many bolts and bars to doors and windows, and men and women with them before they can feel safe. But that is not trusting GOD, and He knows that they do not trust Him at all. See how the little bird puts his head under his wing when it grows dark. He trusts that the One who made him a happy little bird will take care of him. You are worth a great deal more than many of these little birds. So never doubt that as GOD has shown you that He loves you very much, and wants you to be happy, so He will always watch over and take care of each one of you. When the time comes for you to leave this world, He will choose the way, and will send bright angels to bring you safely to His beautiful Home above.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was the Prophet who told of a great city's ruin ?

What was the name of the city ?

Who had been sent before to warn it ?

Why did GOD spare them then ?

Were they willing to repent this time ?

Why were other nations glad to have them punished ?

What did people find there many hundred years after ?

Will GOD punish our own American nation if it is wicked ?

What ought we to pray for our dear country ?

About what else did Nahum talk to his people ?

What did he say they ought to do ?

Can you tell me something that GOD has done for you ?

What can you do for Him ?

What makes the little bird feel safe with his head under his wing ?

Are you worth much more than the birds ?

Who will always love and take care of you ?

Does GOD know whether you trust Him or not ?

Has GOD promised to keep from harm those who do not  
“ put their whole trust in Him ? ”

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, who hast made us Thy children in Holy Baptism; who dost love and take care of us, and give us all good things; grant Thy children grace “ to put their whole trust ” in Thee; guard us from all harm, and send Thine angels to carry us at last to Thy home above. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

GOD bless our native land!  
 Firm may she ever stand  
 Through storm and night!  
 Thou who art ever nigh,  
 Guarding with watchful eye,  
 To Thee aloud we cry,  
 GOD save the State.

298, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

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The Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**NEED.**

TEXT: "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom; and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord."—  
 Hab. iii. 17, 18.

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LESSON STORY—HABAKKUK.

In the land of Israel in old times, towers were built in many places in the country, where one could keep watch to see whether any enemy were coming, who might do harm to the fields of grain, the fruit-trees or and grape-vines. Habakkuk the Prophet (610 B. C.) tells us that he stood on a watch-tower, but it was of a different kind from these. From his watch-tower he saw how wicked his people were growing to be, and what GOD was going to

do to them. The sight made him very sad, for he could not bear to have his people do wrong, and to have GOD angry with them. He talked to GOD about it, and GOD answered him, and told him that He would punish Israel by letting a heathen nation fight against them, and that He would also punish that nation for their sins. As Habakkuk thought of the things he had seen, he was puzzled ; for he could not understand why the wicked should be allowed to make the good suffer. But he loved GOD very much, and believed that He had always done, and would always do, just right. He said, “ Although the fig-tree shall not blossom ; and there shall be no herd in the stalls : yet I will rejoice in the LORD.” GOD showed Habakkuk other things which made him glad. He told him that the earth should be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. These words of Habakkuk are in the Prayer Book, and you will often hear them read at the beginning of the Service : “ The LORD is in His holy Temple ; let all the earth keep silence before Him.” GOD gives you many things to make you happy ; good bread and meat and ripe fruits to eat. But if there should be no fruit on the trees, and the wheat would not grow ; if there were no animals to be killed for meat, and no cows to give milk ; if you were hungry, could you still love GOD and be happy because you are His child? He is our best Friend, who loves us, and can do everything for us ; so we may be glad in Him if we lose all beside. For He has given us our Saviour, and with Him He will freely give us all things, if we trust in Him, and patiently wait His time.

## QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who stood on a watch-tower to see what GOD would show him ?

What things did he see ?

Were there many things which he could not understand at all ?

Who did he think could make them all plain ?

What did he believe that GOD had always done and always would do ?

In whom did Habakkuk " put his whole trust ? "

What did he say ?

If you were cold and hungry and sick, could you love and trust GOD ?

Who can and will give you all things, if you obey and trust Him ?

Can any one else do this ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, help Thy little children to love and trust Thee, when they are hungry or cold or sick, as much as when they are well and have all that they want. And in Thy good time supply all their needs. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Although the vine its fruit deny,  
The budding fig-tree droop and die,  
No oil the olive yield ;  
Yet will I trust me in my GOD,  
Yea, bend rejoicing to His rod,  
And by His grace be healed.

442, CHURCH Hymn.

## The Twenty-second Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**JOY.**

TEXT : "The Lord thy God will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy."—Zeph. iii. 17:

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LESSON STORY—ZEPHANIAH.

The name of the Prophet I shall tell you about to-day is Zephaniah. He was the great-grandson of good king Hezekiah. He preached at the time that the boy-king Josiah was ruling over the Jews (630 B. C.) Zephaniah's name means "watchman." He, too, looked anxiously to see what GOD would show him ; and he saw great nations coming for the first time over the mountains from the north to punish GOD's people and also other nations, because they were wicked. They were proud and wilful ; "They obeyed not the voice, they received not correction, they trusted not in the LORD." There were many who did not believe that GOD would punish them. "They said in their hearts, the LORD will not do good, neither will He do evil." Beside the sad message of punishment, GOD gave Zephaniah some beautiful promises of good things to come. For those who trusted and obeyed GOD, there should be peaceful, happy days. GOD would save them from all harm. He would rejoice over them with singing, and all nations should honour and praise them. Would you not like to have GOD glad over you ? If you

remember Him, pray to Him and praise Him, trust in Him, and try always to obey Him, GOD will delight in you, His dear, dutiful little child.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Whose name meant "GOD'S *watchman*" ?

What did he see coming over the mountains from the north ?

What were they coming to do ?

What would GOD do for those who trusted and obeyed Him ?

How would GOD feel toward those who loved Him ?

What would other nations do for them ?

Can you make GOD glad over you ?

How can you make GOD rejoice over you with joy ?

What has He promised to do for His obedient children ?

#### PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look on these Thy little children who trust in Thee and try to obey Thee. Make them glad in Thy joy over them, and at last take them to Thy Home of unending delight. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### HYMN.

Gracious Saviour, gentle Shepherd,  
 Little ones are dear to Thee ;  
 Gathered in Thine arms, and carried  
 In Thy bosom may we be ;  
 Sweetly, fondly, safely tended,  
 From all want and danger free.

394, HUTCHINS' S. S. Hyl.

## The Twenty-third Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**MINE.**

TEXT: "The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord."—  
Hag. ii. 8.

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### LESSON STORY—HAGGAI.

Do you remember how happy the Jews were when they were allowed to return to their dear city Jerusalem, after having been slaves for seventy years. At first they commenced to build nice houses for themselves to live in; but they did not think how much GOD'S House needed rebuilding. So GOD sent two of His Prophets to remind them of their duty. One of these was Haggai (520 B. C.). He told them that GOD said they must stop and think of what they had been doing. GOD had given them silver and gold, and they had used it all for themselves; yet it was like putting it into a bag full of holes, for they were not satisfied and happy; nothing seemed to go well with them. GOD did not mean that they should prosper and be happy while they were forgetting Him. So when Haggai had spoken to them, they thought about GOD'S words, and how ungrateful they had been; and they left their own houses to work upon GOD'S House, to rebuild and to make it beautiful. GOD was pleased with them then, and said that He would be with their governor, with the High-priest, and with all the people, and would bless them

and make them glad. GOD made the silver and gold, and the copper too, and laid it deep down in the earth; but He lets us find and use it. If we do not use the dollars and pennies well, we are putting them into "a bag with holes." The money is all gone, and no one any happier for it. If we first give some of it to GOD, He will bless the rest, and make it go a great way; and make us very happy in using it. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What was the first thing that the Jews did when they came back to their own city ?

What did they use in buying material for their houses ?

What did they forget to do ?

Why did not things go well with them and make them happy ?

Whom did GOD send to tell them to think over their ways ?

When they thought of how ungrateful they had been, what did they do ?

How did GOD show that He was pleased with them after this ?

To whom does the silver, gold and copper belong ?

Where has He put them

What does He let us do with them ?

If we use all the dollars and pennies for ourselves, in what kind of a bag do we put them ?

Will the money we use only for ourselves make us happy ?

What is the best way to use money ?

What will make us always rich and happy ?

PRAYER.

Lord Jesus, who hast said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," give Thy little children loving hearts like Thine, so that they may gladly give to Thee of the silver, gold and copper which Thou hast given them. That they may have treasure laid up in Heaven, their everlasting home. Amen.

HYMN.

We bring the bright pennies,  
They're little, we know;  
But yet, with GODS blessing,  
To dollars they'll grow.

Not now of GOD'S silver  
Or gold, do we own;  
But to give, we'll begin now,  
And add more when we're grown.

Tune 19 p., "LITTLE PILGRIM SONGS."

## The Twenty-fourth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**KING.**

TEXT: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is just and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass."—Zech. ix. 9.

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### LESSON STORY—ZECHARIAH.

I told you last Sunday that GOD sent two of His Prophets to call on His people to be sorry for their selfishness, and to rebuild His House. You know the name of one of these Prophets,—what was it? And the other was Zechariah. GOD showed him many wonderful pictures or visions, and also told him many things to say to the people about the blessed Saviour, who was coming five hundred years afterward. One of the most wonderful things that he told them about, was a procession of grown people and children, which he saw coming over the hillside opposite the city of Jerusalem. They had branches of palms in their hands, which they had torn from the trees; they were shouting and singing; and some had taken off their cloaks and thrown them in the way, so that One who was riding among them on a donkey's back, might go over. This was our Lord Jesus Christ, their King and ours. They called Him King (and the children in the Temple sang words of praise), but He wept, for He knew that they would soon turn away from Him, and then they would be punished by the destruction of their beautiful city.

Every Christmas, when He comes to us, we sing, and give presents and feast, as though we loved our King. But if we do not believe in Him and obey Him with all our hearts, He will weep over us, for our punishment must surely come.

QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

What other prophet came with Haggai, to preach to GOD's people about rebuilding His House ?

What did GOD let him see ?

Of whom did he tell the people many things ?

What was one of the most wonderful pictures which Zechariah saw ?

How many years was this before it happened ?

Where was the procession ?

What were the people doing ?

Who rode in their midst ?

What did the King do when He saw the city ?

Why did He weep ?

Why would the city be destroyed ?

What do we keep Christmas for ?

What do we do to show our joy at Christ's coming ?

How must we show our love for Him if it is real ?

If we do not believe in Him and obey Him with all our hearts, what will He do ?

What song of praise do we sing to Christ our King, like that which the children sang in the Temple at Jerusalem ?

## PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, help Thy little children, as they sing the praises of their King, Thy dear Son Jesus, in Thy Temple, to give Him the love of their hearts; and to show it by their faith and obedience; that He may not weep over them. We ask it for His sake. Amen.

## HYMN.

Crowds advancing closed around Him,  
As the Saviour rode that day;  
And they scattered palm-tree branches,  
With their garments, in His way.  
Still the children sang "Hosanna"  
On that great, triumphal Day.

"Blessed be the Son of David!"

Filled the air and rent the sky;

"Blessed be the King who cometh

In the Name of God most high!"

"Blessed be our loving Saviour!"

Gladly now our hearts reply.

86 p., "Little Pilgrim Songs."

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity.

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LESSON WORD:

**GREAT.**

TEXT: "From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles,"—Mal. i. 11.

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### LESSON STORY—MALACHI.

We have come to-day to the last one of the "goodly fellowship of the Prophets." His name is Malachi. He lived 397 B. C. He told the people of their sins; that they were not true, they acted lies; and so GOD could not be pleased with anything that they did for Him. He told them that they kept for themselves all the silver and gold, when they ought to have given GOD a tenth part of all. Yet there were some who thought and spoke often to one another of GOD, and tried to please Him. GOD said they were like precious jewels, that the great King would one day wear in His crown. A part of Malachi's message was to tell of what was going to happen many hundred years after; to tell of S. John the Baptist, who was to come before Christ "to make ready His way"; as well as about Christ Himself. GOD let Malachi see still farther away down the years of time. He bade him turn and look far into the east, and then into the west, for He said, "From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles." This was something that Malachi saw of what is coming to pass now.

No man knew anything about our great country America, in those days. Malachi and all the other Prophets were Jews, and his people were GOD'S only people then. But GOD showed him that all nations of the world should come and be made GOD'S children too. We are a Gentile people; and GOD'S Name is great among us. And we must do all that we can to make it great among those who are still heathens and worship idols. This text is in our Prayer Book, and we shall often hear it read at the beginning of the Service.

#### QUESTIONS ON LESSON.

Who was the last of "the goodly fellowship of the Prophets"?

Of what wrong things that they had done, did he tell GOD'S people?

Does GOD want any presents from those who lie and steal?

Of what had the Jews robbed GOD?

How much ought we to give to GOD from every ten cents which He gives us?

What did GOD say that His faithful children were like?

Will GOD always love and keep those who think of Him with love, and try to please Him?

Who did Malachi say was coming to make ready the way for Christ?

What did GOD tell Malachi about our own times and country?

What nation did Malachi and all the other prophets belong to?

Who were GOD's only people then ?

Are we Gentiles ?

How can we help to make GOD's Name great every-  
where ?

PRAYER.

Loving Saviour, who hast died for all mankind; make all Thy little children real missionaries, longing to tell others this good news; that all, "from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same," may know and love Thee, who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one great GOD, blessed forever. Amen.

HYMN.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

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# FIRST REVIEW LESSON.

## TYPES.

*“ Shadows of Heavenly Things.”*

### ADVENT.

1st Sunday.

#### GOD.

Isa. lxxv. 17.

Who made the heavens and the earth ?  
What has God promised that He will make ?

2nd Sunday.

#### Man.

1 Cor. xv. 20.

Who was the first man ?  
What must all do who belong to Him ?  
Who is called “ the second man ? ”  
What shall all do who belong to Him ?

3d Sunday.

#### Sin.

1 John iii. 12.

Who slew his brother ?  
What is the Sixth Commandment ?  
Do those who hate each other break this  
Command ?  
What did Abel’s blood ask from God ?  
Whose precious blood pleads with God to  
forgive us ?

4th Sunday.

#### End.

S. Matt. xxiv. 37

How did God destroy the world in the days  
of Noah ?  
What is the Ark, in which Noah and his  
family were saved, like ?  
What sign did God give, that there should  
not be another flood ?  
What is surely coming, which will be like  
“ the days of Noe ? ”

**CHRISTMAS.**—  
1st Sunday.**One.**

S. John xi. 52.

How did God punish the wicked people who built the tower of Babel ?

What did our Lord Jesus come to this earth to do ?

2d Sunday.

**Sign.**

Ex. xxxi. 13.

What was the sign of God's covenant with Noah ?

What was the sign of God's covenant with Abraham ?

What is the sign of God's covenant with Christians ?

What sign was put upon your forehead when you were baptized, to show that you belong to Christ ?

**EPIPHANY.**—  
1st Sunday.**All.**

Gen. xxii. 18.

What land did God promise to Abraham and his children ?

What is the land which God has promised to all of His faithful people ?

In which Child of Abraham's should all nations be blessed ?

2d Sunday.

**Faith.**

Heb. viii. 1, 3.

Why was Abraham willing to offer up Isaac ? Whom was he like when he did this ?

3d Sunday.

**Type.**

Heb. vii. 1, 3.

Who was king of Salem and " Priest of the most high God " ?

Of whom was Melchizedek a type ?

4th Sunday.  
**Escape.**  
Gen. xix. 29.

What just man lived in wicked Sodom ?  
Why did God let Lot escape from its overthrow ?  
For whom ought we to pray beside ourselves ?

SEPTUAGESIMA.  
—  
**Peace.**  
Gen. xxiv. 63.

What kind of a man was Isaac ?  
How was he like Christ ?

SEXAGESIMA.  
—  
**Awe.**  
Gen. xxviii. 16.

What dream did God give to Jacob in the wilderness ?

What was the ladder which joined heaven and earth, like ?

What did Jacob feel when he found that he was in a holy place ?

What ought we to feel when we are in God's House ?

QUINQUAGESIMA  
—  
**Love.**  
Gen. 1. 20.

How did Joseph's brothers treat him ?

How did Joseph return good for evil to his brothers ?

How was Joseph a type of Christ ?

LENT.  
—  
1st Sunday.  
**Wrath.**  
Heb. xi. 23.

Why did Moses' parents have to hide him ?

How was he saved from Pharaoh's wrath ?

How is a baptized baby like the infant Moses ?

2nd Sunday.  
**Choose.**  
Heb. xi. 25.

When Moses grew up, what did he choose to do ?

Should a Christian child choose to suffer with Christ and His saints ?

3d Sunday.  
**Hard.**  
Ex. ix. 35.

Why was not Pharaoh willing to obey God ?  
If you do not want to obey GOD's commands, what does this show ?

Who only can give us a new heart ?

4th Sunday.  
**Mark.**  
1 Cor. 7.

How were the children of Israel saved, when the death-angel killed the first-born of the Egyptians ?

What mark was put upon you to show that you are one of GOD's people ?

Who is our Passover that saved us by His death ?

5th Sunday.  
**Called.**  
Heb. v. 4.

What great sea did God divide for the Children of Israel to go over ?

What was their passage of the Red Sea like ?

With what did GOD feed and refresh His people in the desert ?

Of what was the manna and water a type ?

What did God tell His people to make in the desert ?

Like what greater and perfect Tabernacle was it made ?

6th Sunday.

**Saved.**

S. John iii. 14.

**EASTER DAY.**

**Won.**

Heb. ii. 10.

1st Sunday.

**Follow.**

Judg. vii. 20.

How many kinds of Ministers did GOD appoint to serve in the Tabernacle ?

How many kinds of Ministers did Christ appoint for us ?

What was needed then and now to make one GOD'S Minister ?

Who was called of GOD, as was Aaron, to be our great High Priest in the Heavens ?

What did GOD tell Moses to put up on a pole, that the sick might look at it and be healed ?

Who was lifted up like the serpent of brass, so that all men might look to Him and be saved ?

Who brought the Children of Israel over the river Jordan into the promised land of Canaan ?

Who is the Captain that won the heavenly Canaan for His people ?

Who put to flight the enemies of Israel with only three hundred men carrying trumpets, pitchers and lamps ?

What was Gideon's war-cry ?

What Captain must you follow and with what sword must you fight, if you would conquer the enemies of your soul ?

2d Sunday.  
**Strong.**  
Heb. xi. 34.

Whom did God make very strong that he might conquer the enemies of Israel ?  
Who can make you strong enough to overcome the enemies of your soul ?

3d Sunday.  
**Dear.**  
Ruth i. 16.

How did God reward Ruth for her love to His servant Naomi, and her wish to serve Him ?  
What persons ought to be dearer to you than others ?  
Who should be the dearest of all ?

4th Sunday.  
**Child.**  
Prov. xx. 11.

Who was the child whom his mother lent to the LORD ?  
Who called to him at night and afterward made him His Prophet ?  
How can you please God, like the child Samuel ?

5th Sunday.  
**Obey.**  
1 Sam. xv. 22.

Who loved his own way better than to obey GOD ?  
What does God like better than any presents that we can give Him ?

**ASCENSION,**  
Sunday after.  
**Up.**  
S. Luke xxiv. 51

Who was carried up into heaven without dying ?  
Of whom was Elijah a type ?  
Who went up into Heaven by His own power ?  
What is He doing for us there ?

**WHITSUNDAY.**

**Wisdom.**

S. Jas. i. 5.

What young king chose to have wisdom rather than riches or power ?

Whom did the Lord Jesus send down from Heaven on this Day, to give wisdom to His disciples ?

How can we get wisdom ?

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Three-in-One.**

Ps. lxiii. i.

What king loved GOD so much, that he was called "the man after GOD's own heart ?"

Of what King of kings is David a type ?

**1st Sunday.**

**Honour.**

Lev. xix. 32.

Who was the good Prophet whom wicked children would not honour ?

What happened to them for a warning to other children that will not honour those whom GOD has set over them ?

What is the Fifth Commandment ?

**2d Sunday.**

**Remember.**

Ecc. xii. 1.

Whom did the little maid of Israel remember when she was a slave in a strange land ?

How could the waters of Jordan cleanse Naaman of leprosy ?

How can the waters of Baptism make our souls clean from sin ?

How can Christian children show that they remember their Creator ?

3d Sunday.  
**Lie.**  
Prov. xii. 22.

Who wished for what did not belong to him,  
and then told two lies in order to get it ?  
Can you repeat the Commandments which  
Gehazi broke ?  
How did GOD punish him ?  
Will GOD know if you tell a lie, and punish  
you for it ?

18th Sunday.  
**Like.**  
S. Matt. xii. 40.

Who was three days and three nights in the  
whale's belly ?  
How was Jonah a type of, or like Christ ?  
When was Christ put in the grave, and when  
did He rise again ?

# SECOND REVIEW LESSON.

## PROPHECIES.

*“ The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.”*

### TRINITY.

4th Sunday.

**Pray.**

2 Kings xx. 5.

Who prayed to GOD when he was in trouble,  
and had fifteen years added to his life ?

What Prophet took to him the words from  
GOD ?

Will GOD hear and answer us when we pray  
to Him ?

5th Sunday.

**Tender.**

2 Kings xxiii. 25

Who was the boy-king with the tender  
heart ?

What Prophet taught GOD's people in the  
days of Josiah ?

What kind of a heart does GOD like to see in  
you ?

6th Sunday.

**Slave.**

Ps. cxxxvii. 5.

What did GOD's people become when they  
forgot Him, and worshipped idols ?

What did they remember in the strange land  
of Babylon where they were taken ?

What Prophets were slaves in Babylon ?

Do you love GOD's Church, and think of it  
when you are in a strange place ?

7th Sunday.  
**Free.**  
 Neh. viii. 6.

How many years after the Jews were taken captive, were they set free ?  
 What governor and Priest went back to Jerusalem with them ?  
 What did they do there ?  
 What Prophets taught them to please God ?

8th Sunday.  
**Use.**  
 Esther iv. 14.

Why did GOD make Esther the queen of Persia ?  
 Has God got some work for you to do ?

9th Sunday.  
**Patient.**  
 Job. i. 21.

What rich man was patient when he lost all that he had, and was sick and in pain ?  
 How did GOD reward Job for his patience and trust in Him ?  
 What ought you to be when GOD sends you trouble and pain ?

10th Sunday.  
**Feed.**  
 Isa. xi. 11.

What did GOD let Isaiah the Prophet see ?  
 How many years before Christ was born did he live ?  
 What does Christ, the Good Shepherd, do for His lambs and sheep ?

11th Sunday.  
**Bear.**  
 Lam. iii. 27.

What Prophet was put down into a pit, and had other great troubles to bear ?  
 How many years before Christ came, did he teach the people ?  
 Who asks us to bear His easy yoke ?

12th Sunday.  
**Turn.**  
 Ezek. xviii. 27.

What Prophet saw beautiful pictures of Heaven, when he was a slave in Babylon?  
 In what year was this?  
 What did he tell GOD's people to repent of and turn from?

13th Sunday.  
**Kept.**  
 Dan. vi. 23.

What boy in the king's palace, would not taste the rich food and wine which had been offered to idols?  
 Why was he kept from all harm in the den of lions?  
 Who were kept from burning in the furnace of fire?  
 Will GOD keep you, when you are in danger, if you believe in Him with your heart?  
 How many years before Christ came, did GOD show Daniel pictures or visions of things to come?

14th Sunday.  
**Called.**  
 Hosea xi. 1.

Who said that GOD loved Israel when a child and called His son out of Egypt?  
 Who else was sent into Egypt when He was a baby, and called into Canaan again by His Father?  
 How many years before Christ came, did Hosea say this?  
 What does GOD call you away from, so that you may reach Heaven?

15th Sunday.  
**Fast.**  
 Joel ii. 15, 16.

What Prophet called God's people and the children to fast ?

What Fasts do we sanctify now ?

How can children fast ?

16th Sunday.  
**Seek.**  
 Amos v. 14.

What Prophet prayed for God's people, and begged them to seek good and not evil ?

What was Amos before God chose him to be a Prophet ?

When did he live ?

What is the very best Gift that you can seek for ?

17th Sunday.  
**Done.**  
 Obad. vs. 15, 21

Who said to the proud people of Edom, that the cruel things should be done to them that they had done to others ?

When did he say this ?

What is the Golden Rule by which Christ wants His children to live ?

18th Sunday.  
**Like.**  
 S. Matt. xii. 40

What Prophet tried to hide himself from God ?

How was he punished ?

What message did he afterward take to Nineveh ?

Why did God forgive and spare them ?

Whom did God pity most of all ?

How ought we to act toward babies and animals ?

19th Sunday.  
**Duty.**  
Micah vi. 8.

What Prophet told the Jews where Christ should be born ?

How many years before ?

Of what else did he tell which came to pass seventy years after Christ's birth ?

Who else foretold this, and wept over Jerusalem ?

What did Micah teach the people that it was their duty to do ?

20th Sunday.  
**Trust.**  
Nahum i. 7.

When did the Prophet Nahum tell of the ruin coming upon Nineveh ?

Why was Nineveh destroyed ?

If our own America will not serve God, what will happen to her ?

What can even children do for their dear country ?

Who can take better care of us than anyone else ?

How can we show that we believe that God is our best Friend ?

21st Sunday.  
**Need.**  
Hab. iii. 17, 18.

What Prophet stood on a watch-tower, to see what would happen ?

In what year was this ?

When he saw sad things, and that which he could not understand, what did he still think that he could always do ?

Can we be happy in our God when we are in need, as much as when we have everything that we want ?

22d Sunday.

**Joy.**

Zeph. iii. 17.

Whose name meant " watchman " ?  
 What did he see coming over the mountains  
 from the north, to punish God's wicked  
 people ?  
 When did the Prophet Zephaniah see this ?  
 How did he say that God would feel toward  
 those who trusted and obeyed Him ?

23d Sunday.

**Mine.**

Hag. ii. 8.

In what year were the Jews allowed to  
 return to Jerusalem ?  
 What two Prophets came back with them  
 from Babylon ?  
 Who reminded the people that they had for-  
 gotten God's House when they were build-  
 ing their own ?  
 To whom does the silver, gold, and copper  
 belong ?  
 How much ought we to give to God of what  
 He lets us use ?

24th Sunday.

**King.**

Zech. ix. 9.

What Prophet saw the King of the Jews, and  
 of all the world, riding toward Jerusalem ?  
 Who was this King ?  
 How many years after did Christ the King  
 ride into Jerusalem, attended by the people  
 with palm-branches, and the children sing-  
 ing Hosannas ?

25th Sunday.  
**Great.**  
Mal. i. 11.

What prophet saw a vision of our own times ?

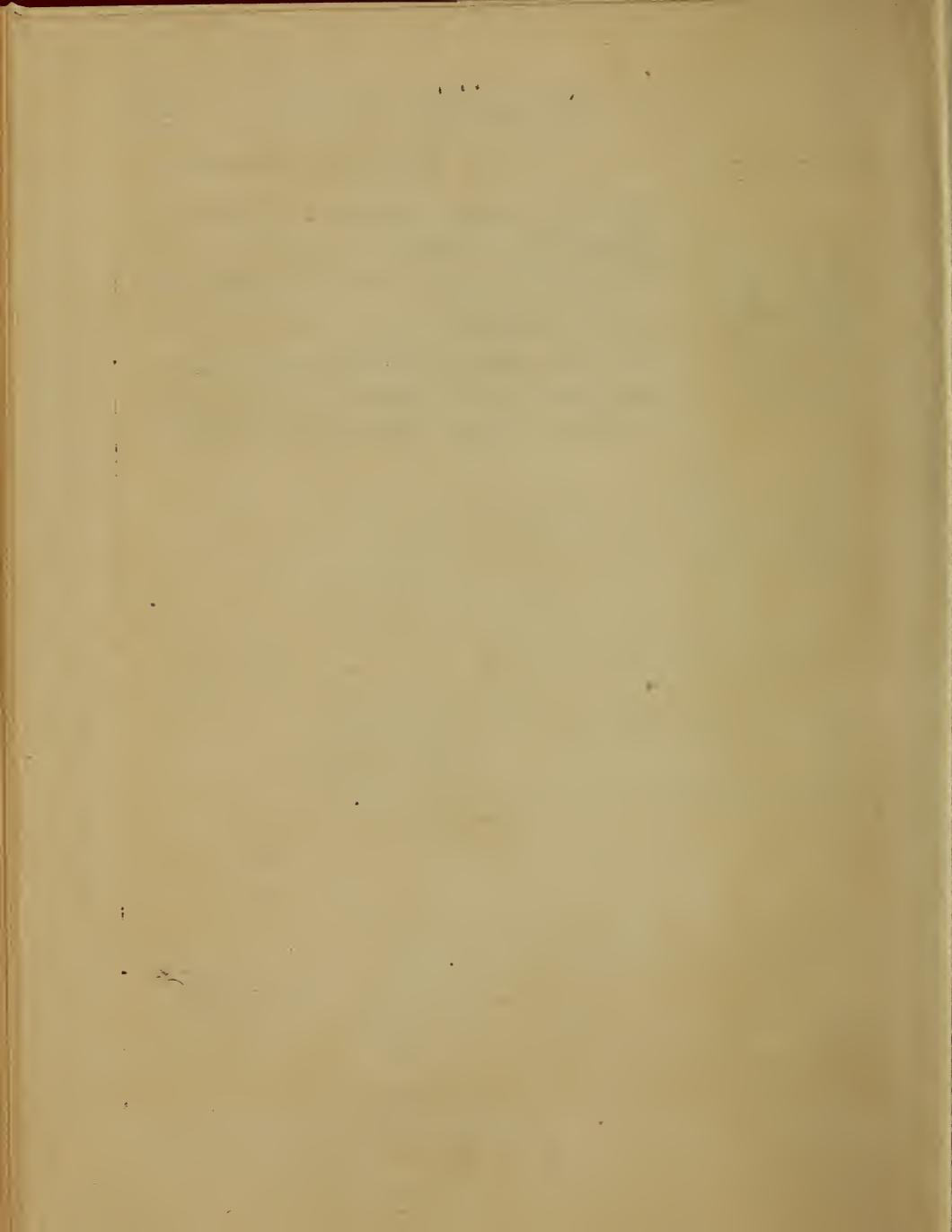
When did he see this ?

Where did GOD tell him that His Name  
should be great ?

Are we Gentiles ?

Do we live east or west of Malachi's country ?

How can we help to make GOD's Name great,  
from the rising to the setting of the sun ?





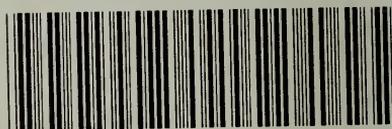
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