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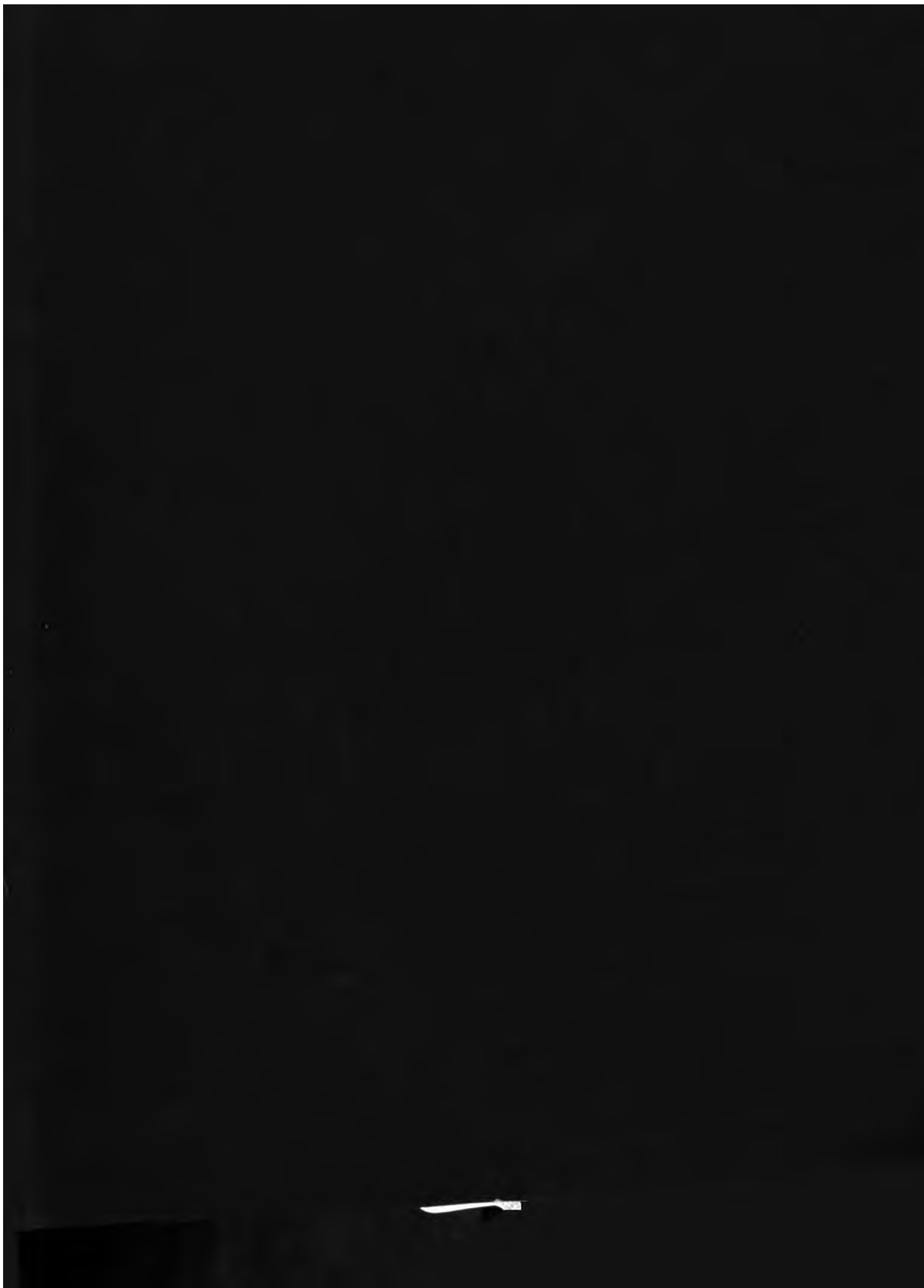
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HARRY'S CATECHISM





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I love them that love me ; and those that seek me early
shall find me.—PROV. viii. 17.

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Preface.

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HARRY was just five years old when this little book was made for him, and when his mamma began to teach it to him. He was soon able to read it himself, in a copy printed with the pen; and when he got a Bible of his own, it was a great joy to him to find in it the verses he had learned from the Catechism. It is now sent out into the world, because friends think that it may be a help to other mammas in teaching their children the first elements of Gospel truth; and Harry wishes other little boys and girls to have a share in the book he is so fond of. The answers are all taken from the Bible, the chapter and verse being given, and in some cases other references being added, for the sake of the teacher—not for the little learners, who may be from four to eight years of age.

Older children might, perhaps, have the questions

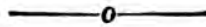
alone given out to them, and might search out Scripture answers themselves.

The first six chapters contain an outline of what is more fully taught in the rest. Some will think the whole too long; but it may be of use, even when the little ones do not learn it all by heart, as Harry does. Some questions, or even chapters, might be simply read and explained. It must, however, be borne in mind that a child needs line upon line, nor can we lay up in the young memory too many of God's own words. One new answer may be taught daily, repeating over those from the beginning of the chapter which contains it; and to this may be added, after some progress has been made, the revisal each day of *one* of the previous chapters. Thus all that has been learned will be kept in mind with ease.

And if there should be any who think that the same plan might be pursued further with advantage, they will find it very pleasant work to make up some additional chapters of their own; especially if they have in their hearts the image of a real child who is to learn them, or the sweet memory of some other little one who is with Him that said, "Feed my lambs."

May He bless this feeble effort to bring within their reach the pure milk of His Word.

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CHAPTER I.

GOD MADE ALL THINGS.

God that made the world and all things therein.—ACTS xvii. 24.

1. Who made you and me ?

The LORD he is God : it is he that hath made us. (Ps. c. 3.)

2. Who made all the people in the world ?

The LORD is the maker of them all. (Prov. xxii. 2.)

3. Who made the world itself in the beginning ?

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (Gen. i. 1.)

4. How did God make the world ?

He spake, and it was done. (Ps. xxxiii. 9.)

5. After the world was made, it was dark :
how did God make the light ?

God said, Let there be light : and there
was light. (Gen. i. 3.)

6. Can you tell me of any great lights
that God made ?

The sun to rule by day : the moon and
stars to rule by night. (Ps. cxxxvi. 8, 9.)

7. Did God make the sea ?

The sea is his, and he made it : and his
hands formed the dry land. (Ps. xcv. 5.)

8. Does God make the grass ?

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
and herb for the service of man. (Ps. civ.
14.)

9. Can you tell me of any more things
that God made ?

The beasts of the field, the fowl of the
air, and the fish of the sea. (Ps. viii.
7, 8.)

10. How was God able to make so many things ?

Great is our Lord, and of great power : his understanding is infinite. (Ps. cxlvii. 5.)

11. Could God do whatever he pleased ?

He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. (Ps. cxv. 3.)

12. Does God always do right ?

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. (Ps. cxlv. 17.)

13. To whom does everything belong ?

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (Ps. xxiv. 1.)

14. What should all creatures do ?

Let them praise the name of the LORD ; for he commanded, and they were created. (Ps. cxlviii. 5.)

CHAPTER II.

GOD TAKES CARE OF ALL THINGS.

He careth for you.—1 PET. v. 7.

1. Does God take good care of all the things that he has made?

The LORD is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Ps. cxlv. 9.)

2. Do you know some verses which show that God takes care even of little things?

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (Luke xii. 6, 7.)

3. Does God feed the beasts and birds?

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. (Ps. cxlvii. 9.)

4. Who makes the corn grow, and gives us fruitful seasons?

Our God, who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth. (Ps. cxlvii. 8.)

5. Why does God make grass and corn to grow ?

That he may bring forth food out of the earth. (Ps. civ. 14.)

6. What does God give us besides food to eat ?

Raiment to put on. (Gen. xxviii. 20.)

7. Does God give us every good thing that we have ?

He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. (Acts xvii. 25.)

8. Will God take care of you when you are asleep ?

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep ; for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. (Ps. iv. 8.)

9. Does God never slumber nor sleep ?

He that keepeth thee will not slumber. (Ps. cxxi. 3.)

10. In whom, then, should we trust to keep us from danger and to give us what we need ?

In the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. (1 Tim. vi. 17.)

11. And should we not thank God, who is so kind to us ?

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High. (Ps. xcii. 1.)

12. What can we render to the Lord for all his benefits ?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. (Luke x. 27.)

CHAPTER III.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT GOD.

O LORD my God, thou art very great.—Ps. civ. 1.

1. Where is God's throne ?

The LORD'S throne is in heaven. (Ps. xi. 4.)

2. Who stand round about the throne of God ?

The angels. (Rev. vii. 11.)

3. Are there many of them?

Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. (Rev. v. 11.)

4. Who made the angels?

The LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Ps. cxxiv. 8; Col. i. 16.)

5. Before there were any angels, or any other creatures, who was there?

The everlasting God. (Isa. xl. 28.)

6. What does God say about this himself?

I am the First, and I am the Last, and beside me there is no God. (Isa. xlv. 6.)

7. Is there but one God?

There is none other God but one. (1 Cor. viii. 4.)

8. Does God ever change? Tell me his own words.

I am the LORD, I change not. (Mal. iii. 6.)

9. Is God anywhere else but in heaven?

Do not I fill heaven and earth, saith the LORD? (Jer. xxiii. 24.)

10. What is God ?

God is a Spirit. (John. iv. 24.)

11. Can we see God?

No man hath seen God at any time. (John i. 18.)

12. Can God see us ?

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. (Prov. xv. 3.)

13. What does God think of the wicked ?

God is angry with the wicked every day. (Ps. vii. 11.)

14. Whom does God love ?

The LORD loveth the righteous. (Ps. cxlvi. 8.)

CHAPTER IV.

THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE LAW OF GOD.

My son, give me thine heart.—Prov. xxiii. 26.

1. Whom should we love most of all ?

The LORD our God. (Deut. vi. 4, 5.)

2. How can we show our love to God ?

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. (1 John v. 3.)

3. How may it be known if a child loves God ?

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. (Prov. xx. 11.)

4. How should we serve God ?

With reverence and godly fear. (Heb. xii. 28.)

5. May we bow down to any image or picture of God ?

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. (Exod. xx. 5.)

6. Ought we to think that the great God is like any image we could make ?

We ought not. (Acts xvii. 29 ; Isa. xl. 18.)

7. What does God command us about his name ?

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain. (Exod. xx. 7.)

8. What command does God give us about the Sabbath ?

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exod. xx. 8.)

9. How does God command children to treat their parents ?

Children, obey your parents in all things : for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord. (Col. iii. 20.)

10. What does God command parents to do, if their children will not obey them ?

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. (Prov. xix. 18.)

11. Why must a naughty child be punished ?

The rod and reproof give wisdom : but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. (Prov. xxix. 15.)

12. What does God command us about one another ?

That we should love one another. (1 John iii. 11.)

13. How much does God say that we should love our neighbour?

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Lev. xix. 18.)

14. How shall it be known if we love our neighbour as ourselves?

As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. (Luke vi. 31.)

15. Is it a sign of love if we do harm to our neighbour?

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour. (Rom. xiii. 10.)

16. What does God command us to do to all, as we have opportunity?

To do good. (Heb. xiii. 16.)

17. Should we think ourselves better than others?

In lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves. (Phil. ii. 3.)

18. What way should we speak of one another?

Speak not evil one of another. (James iv. 11.)

19. What does God command us to speak?

The truth, in love. (Eph. iv. 15.)

20. Is God a God of truth?

Holy and true. (Rev. vi. 10.)

21. Does God hate lies?

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD.
(Prov. xii. 22.)

22. Does God know all that we say?

There is not a word in my tongue, but, lo,
O LORD, thou knowest it. (Ps. cxxxix. 4.)

23. What does God say about stealing?

Thou shalt not steal. (Exod. xx. 15.)

24. Does God forbid us even to wish for
what belongs to another?

Thou shalt not covet. (Exod. xx. 17.)

25. What should we be content with?

Be content with such things as ye have.
(Heb. xiii. 5.)

26. Should we give some of our things to
others?

It is more blessed to give than to receive.
(Acts xx. 35.)

27. Who is it that is always giving?

God, that giveth to all men liberally
(James i. 5.)

28. If we truly love God, can we love any
evil thing?

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil. (Ps.
xcvii. 10.)

29. What reason does God give for our
being holy?

Be holy: for I the LORD your God am
holy. (Lev. xix. 2.)

30. When we think of these things, what
should we say to God?

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me
thy statutes. (Ps. cxix. 68.)

CHAPTER VI.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.
ROM. v. 5.

1. When Jesus Christ went up to heaven, who came to stay with his people here ?

The Comforter. (John xv. 26.)

2. Who is the Comforter ?

The Holy Ghost. (John xiv. 26.)

3. What other name is sometimes given to him ?

The Spirit of truth. (John xv. 26.)

4. What did Christ say that the Spirit, the Comforter, would do for us ?

He shall teach you all things. (John xiv. 26.)

5. Does the Spirit know all things ?

The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (1 Cor. ii. 10.)

6. Can *we* ever search out the deep things of God ?

6. Does God take pleasure in the death of the wicked? What does he say about it?

As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. (Ezek. xxxiii. 11.)

7. Is God very pitiful?

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. (James v. 11.)

8. How has God shown his pity for sinners?

God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (1 John iv. 9.)

9. Who is God's Son?

The Lord Jesus Christ. (2 John 3.)

10. What did Jesus Christ come into the world to do?

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. i. 15.)

11. Since all sinners must die, how could Christ save them?

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. v. 8.)

12. When the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts, what does he make them like ?

Like a watered garden. (Isa. lviii. 11.)

13. What kind of fruits are found in this garden ?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (Gal. v. 22, 23.)

14. Does Christ's Spirit dwell in the hearts of all Christ's people ?

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (Rom. viii. 9.)

15. How may it be known when people belong to Christ, and have his Spirit dwelling in them ?

By their fruits. (Matt. vii. 16 ; James ii. 18 ; Gal. v. 25.)

16. To whom will God give the Holy Spirit ?

To them that ask him. (Luke xi. 13.)

CHAPTER VII.

HOW MAN WAS MADE.

God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
GEN. i. 26.

Before teaching this chapter, read to the child the first and the second chapters of GENESIS.

1. How many days was God making this beautiful world which we see ?

In six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is. (Exod. xx. 11 ; Heb. xi. 3.)

2. What did God do on the seventh day ?

On the seventh day he rested. (Exod. xxxi. 17.)

3. What do we call every seventh day ?

The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD. (Exod. xx. 10.)

4. Did God bless the Sabbath-day ?

The LORD blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it. (Exod. xx. 11.)

5. Has God given us a day to rest in, as he rested ?

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest. (Exod. xxiii. 12.)

6. What was the last thing that God made on the sixth day ?

The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life ; and man became a living soul. (Gen. ii. 7.)

7. What man was that ?

The first man, Adam. (1 Cor. xv. 45.)

8. In whose image or likeness did God make man ?

In the image of God. (Gen. i. 27.)

9. In what things could man be like God ?

In righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. iv. 24.)

10. What is in the heart of a righteous man ?

The law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. xxxvii. 31.)

11. Is it very blessed to be holy like God, and to walk in his law ?

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. (Ps. cxix. 1.)

12. What blessings have they ?

Life and peace. (Rom. viii. 6 ; Prov. iii. 2.)

13. Anything more ?

Light and gladness. (Ps. xcvii. 11 ; xix. 8.)

14. Whose beauty is put upon them ?

The beauty of the LORD. (Ps. xc. 17.)

15. Who loves them ?

The LORD loveth the righteous. (Ps. cxlvi. 8.)

16. In whom do they rejoice ?

In the LORD. (Ps. xxxii. 11.)

17. Where did God put Adam ?

Into the garden of Eden. (Gen. ii. 15.)

18. What was Adam to do in the garden ?

To dress it and to keep it. (Gen. ii. 15.)

19. What was Adam's wife called ?

Eve. (Gen. iii. 20.)

20. Which was first formed—Adam or Eve ?

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Adam was first formed, then Eve. (1 Tim. ii. 13.)

21. Did God bless Adam and Eve ?

God blessed them. (Gen. i. 28.)

22. Was every thing that God made very good ?

God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. (Gen. i. 31.)

CHAPTER VIII.

HOW SIN AND DEATH CAME INTO THE WORLD.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.—Rom. v. 12.

Read the third chapter of GENESIS.

1. What had Adam and Eve to eat in the garden of Eden ?

The fruit of the trees of the garden. (Gen. iii. 2.)

2. Was there one tree that God said they must not eat of ?

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
(Gen. ii. 17.)

3. Where was this tree ?

In the midst of the garden. (Gen. ii. 9.)

4. What did God say would happen to them, if they eat of this tree ?

In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. (Gen. ii. 17.)

5. What other tree was in the midst of the garden ?

The tree of life. (Gen. ii. 9.)

6. Who tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit ?

The Serpent. (Gen. iii. 1.)

7. Has that old Serpent any other names ?

The Devil, and Satan. (Rev. xii. 9.)

8. Did he like to make people die ?

He was a murderer. (John viii. 44.)

9. Was he also a liar ?

He is a liar, and the father of it. (John viii. 44.)

10. What lie did the serpent tell to Eve,

that he might get her to eat the forbidden fruit ?

The serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. (Gen. iii. 4.)

11. Did the woman believe the serpent more than God, and eat the fruit of the tree, as he advised her ?

She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her ; and he did eat. (Gen. iii. 6.)

12. After Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit, whose voice did they hear in the garden ?

They heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. (Gen. iii. 8.)

13. Were they glad to hear God's voice ?

Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. (Gen. iii. 8.)

14. Could they really be hid from God ?

There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. (Job xxxiv. 22 ; Jer. xxiii. 24.)

15. Did God call Adam ?

God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou ? (Gen. iii. 9.)

16. What did Adam say ?

He said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked ; and I hid myself. (Gen. iii. 10.)

17. What did God then say to him ?

Who told thee that thou wast naked ? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat ? (Gen. iii. 11.)

18. On whom did the man lay the blame ?

The man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. (Gen. iii. 12.)

19. When God asked the woman what she had done, what was her answer ?

The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
(Gen. iii. 13.)

20. What did the LORD God say to the serpent?

The LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle. (Gen. iii. 14.)

21. What did God say that the Seed of the woman should do to the serpent?

It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Gen. iii. 15.)

22. Did God allow Adam and his wife to stay in the garden of Eden?

The LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (Gen. iii. 23.)

23. What did God say that the ground was to bring forth after this?

Thorns and thistles. (Gen. iii. 18.)

24. What did God place at the east of the garden, to keep the way of the tree of life?

Cherubims and a flaming sword, which turned every way. (Gen. iii. 24.)

25. You have seen how sin came into the world ; how was it ?

By one that sinned. (Rom. v. 16.)

26. What else came into the world along with sin ?

Death. (Rom. v. 17.)

27. In what way can souls share in the blessed life of God ?

In the way of righteousness. (Prov. xii. 28 ; 1 John i. 7 ; Deut. xxx. 20.)

28. When Adam left the way of righteousness, what did he bring upon his own soul ?

Death. (Rom. viii. 6 ; Prov. xxi. 16 ; John vi. 53.)

29. What ways had he got into now ?

The ways of death. (Prov. xiv. 12 ; Eph. iv. 17, 18.)

30. Can dead souls do anything ?

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They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. (Jer. iv. 22.)

31. Instead of good fruit, what do they bring forth?

Evil things. (Matt. xii. 35 ; Isa. lix. 4.)

32. Instead of being like God, whom are they like?

The devil. (1 John iii. 8.)

33. How do they appear in God's sight?

Filthy and abominable. (Job xv. 16 ; Isa. i. 6.)

34. Instead of God's favour, what abides on them?

The wrath of God. (John iii. 36.)

35. Have they any light in them?

No light. (Isa. viii. 20.)

36. Have they any peace?

No peace. (Isa. xlvi. 22.)

37. Have they any hope?

No hope. (Eph. ii. 12.)

38. What shall become of them if they are left to themselves?

They shall utterly perish in their own corruption. (2 Pet. ii. 12; Ps. lxxiii. 27; xcii. 7.)

39. You have seen how great a death befel Adam's soul in the day that he ate the forbidden fruit; what did God say about his body?

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Gen. iii. 19.)

40. What becomes of the soul or spirit when the body returns to dust?

The spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccles. xii. 7.)

41. Can the body live without the spirit?

The body without the spirit is dead. (James ii. 26.)

42. What comes after death?

The judgment. (Heb. ix. 27.)

43. Where must the wicked go when they are judged?

The wicked shall be turned into hell. (Ps. ix. 17.)

44. What is hell ?

The lake which burneth with fire. (Rev. xxi. 8.)

45. What shall be there ?

Weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. xxv. 30.)

46. Who shall be with them there ?

The devil that deceived them. (Rev. xx. 10.)

47. When Adam had children, in whose likeness were they born ?

In his own likeness. (Gen. v. 3.)

48. Were their souls dead and sinful like his ?

Dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph. ii. 1 ; Ps. xiv. 3.)

49. Have they all dying bodies ?

All are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. (Eccles. iii. 20.)

50. Must all be judged ?

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing. (Eccles. xii. 14.)

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. (Rom. xiv. 12.)

51. Did God leave all the people in the world to perish in death and sin ?

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

52. What did God say to the serpent about the woman's Seed ?

It shall bruise thy head. (Gen. iii. 15.)

CHAPTER IX.

BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD OF THE SAVIOUR.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder : and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—ISA. ix. 6.

Read LUKE i. 26-33 ; ii. 1-20 ; MATTHEW ii. ; LUKE ii. 40-52.

1. Whom did God the Father send to be the Saviour of the world ?

The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (1 John iv. 14.)

2. When God's Son came to be our Saviour, whose son did he become?

The Son of man. (Luke xix. 10.)

3. Can you tell me one great difference between Jesus Christ and all other men?

In him is no sin. (1 John iii. 5.)

4. Whose image is he?

The image of God. (2 Cor. iv. 4.)

5. Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. (Matt. ii. 1.)

6. What was his mother's name?

Mary. (Matt. i. 16.)

7. What was Mary's husband called?

Joseph. (Matt. i. 16.)

8. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night;—what did they see?

The angel of the Lord came upon them,

and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. (Luke ii. 9.)

9. Were the shepherds afraid?

They were sore afraid. (Luke ii. 9.)

10. What did the angel say to them?

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (Luke ii. 10.)

11. What were the good tidings that the angel brought?

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke ii. 11.)

12. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God;—what did they say?

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke ii. 14.)

13. After the angels had gone away, did the shepherds come to see the Saviour?

They came with haste, and found Mary,

and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
(Luke ii. 16.)

14. Why had Mary laid her baby in a manger?

Because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke ii. 7.)

15. When Jesus was a baby, who came from the east to worship him?

There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
(Matt. ii. 1, 2.)

16. Who was troubled when he heard this?

Herod the king. (Matt. ii. 3.)

17. What did Herod the king bid the wise men do when they should have found the baby?

When ye have found him, bring me word again. (Matt. ii. 8.)

18. How did the wise men find the baby out ?

The star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. (Matt. ii. 9.)

19. What gifts did they present to him ?

Gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt. ii. 11.)

20. Did they return to Herod ?

Being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. (Matt. ii. 12.)

21. When they were departed, where did the angel of the Lord tell Joseph to take the child and his mother ?

Into Egypt. (Matt. ii. 13.)

22. For what reason must they go away by night into Egypt ?

For Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. (Matt. ii. 13.)

23. Did Joseph do as the angel told him ?

He took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. (Matt. ii. 14.)

24. Whom did Herod put to death, in the hope that Jesus might be among them?

All the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under. (Matt. ii. 16.)

25. How long did Joseph and Mary and the young child stay in Egypt?

Until the death of Herod. (Matt. ii. 15.)

26. Who told them then to go back to the land of Israel?

An angel of the Lord. (Matt. ii. 19.)

27. Where did Joseph and Mary and the child live after they came back?

In a city called Nazareth. (Matt. ii. 23.)

28. When Jesus was a child, how did he treat his mother and Joseph;—was he disobedient, or was he subject unto them?

Subject unto them. (Luke ii. 51.)

29. Should we follow Christ's example?

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. (Phil. ii. 5.)

30. Do you remember what Jesus himself says about this?

Learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart. (Matt. xi. 29.)

CHAPTER X.

OUR LORD'S BAPTISM.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God.—MARK i. 1. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.—JOHN i. 10.

To be read—MARK i. 1-8 ; MATTHEW iii. 13-17.

1. Who came preaching in the wilderness in the days of Jesus ?

John the Baptist. (Matt. iii. 1.)

2. What did he say to the people ?

Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matt. iii. 2.)

3. Did many people go out to him ?

There went out unto him all the land of

Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. (Mark i. 5.)

4. What did John say about one that was to come after him ?

There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. (Mark i. 7.)

5. Who was that ?

Christ Jesus. (Acts xix. 4.)

6. With what did John baptize the people ?

With water. (Acts i. 5.)

7. How does a sinner's soul appear in God's sight ?

Filthy and abominable. (Job xv. 16.)

8. When John baptized the people, what did they confess ?

Their sins. (Mark i. 5.)

9. Can washing our bodies with water make our souls clean from sin ?

Though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is

marked before me, saith the Lord GOD. (Jer. ii. 22.)

10. John's baptism was an emblem of what the people needed; but who is it that can really make our souls clean?

The Holy Ghost. (Titus iii. 5; Ezek. xxxvi. 25-27; 1 Cor. vi. 11.)

11. With what was Jesus to baptize his people?

With the Holy Ghost. (Mark i. 8.)

12. Who came from Nazareth to be baptized by John?

Jesus. (Mark i. 9.)

13. Did John think himself fit to baptize Jesus?

John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (Matt. iii. 14.)

14. What did Jesus say?

Suffer it to be so now. (Matt. iii. 15.)

15. When Jesus was baptized, what did John see?

He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him. (Mark i. 10.)

16. What voice came from heaven to Jesus?

There came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Mark i. 11.)

CHAPTER XI.

OUR LORD'S TEMPTATION.

In all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren.
HEB. ii. 17.

Read MATTHEW iv. 1-11.

1. Where was Jesus led by the Spirit after his baptism?

Into the wilderness. (Matt. iv. 1.)

2. Who came and tempted him in the wilderness?

The devil. (Matt. iv. 1.)

3. How long was Jesus in the wilderness without food ?

Forty days and forty nights. (Matt. iv. 2.)

4. When he was hungry, what did the devil say to him ?

He said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (Matt. iv. 3.)

5. How did Jesus answer him ?

Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke iv. 4.)

6. When the devil had taken Jesus up to a high part of the temple, what did he ask him to do ?

If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down. (Matt. iv. 6.)

7. And what verse did the devil repeat about the angels ?

He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee ; and in their hands they shall

bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Luke iv. 10, 11.)

8. How did Jesus answer?

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (Matt. iv. 7.)

9. What did Satan show to Jesus from a very high mountain?

All the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. (Matt. iv. 8.)

10. And what offer did he then make to our Lord?

All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (Matt. iv. 9.)

11. What did Jesus say then?

Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (Matt. iv. 10.)

12. Did the devil leave him then?

Then the devil leaveth him; and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matt. iv. 11.)

13. Is it any comfort to us to know that Christ was tempted as we are, yet without sin ?

In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. (Heb. ii. 18.)

14. Does the devil still go about tempting people to sin ?

The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet. v. 8.)

15. Should we yield to the devil ?

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James iv. 7.)

16. What weapon did our Saviour use against Satan ?

The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph. vi. 17.)

17. What must we use against him ?

The word of God. (1 John ii. 14; Ps. xvii. 4; cxix. 11.)

18. To whom should we be looking for help in our fight with Satan.

Looking unto Jesus. (Heb. xii. 2.)

19. What does Jesus bid us do, that Satan may not take us by surprise ?

Watch and pray. (Matt. xxvi. 41 ; Mark xiii. 37.)

20. Will Jesus help us if we pray to him ?

He shall deliver the needy when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence, and precious shall their blood be in his sight. (Ps. lxxii. 12-14.)

21. What has Christ promised to him that overcometh ?

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne ; even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Rev. iii. 21.)

22. To whom should we give thanks for every victory that we gain over sin and Satan ?

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. xv. 57.)

CHAPTER XII.

OUR LORD'S PREACHING.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh.—HEB. xii. 25.

Read MARK i. 14, 15; *and* PSALM lxxii.

1. What did Jesus next begin to do?

Jesus began to preach. (Matt. iv. 17.)

2. Can you tell me what he said to the people who came to hear him preach?

The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark. i. 15.)

3. What is the meaning of *repent*?

Turn to God. (Acts xxvi. 20.)

4. From what should people turn away?

From their sin. (1 Kings viii. 35.)

5. How does God say that they should turn to him?

Turn ye, even to me, with all your heart. (Joel ii. 12.)

6. Will God be pleased with an outward appearance of goodness?

Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (1 Sam. xvi. 7.)

7. When should we turn to God ?

Now. (2 Cor. vi. 2 ; Ps. xcv. 7.)

8. Should all repent ?

God commandeth all men everywhere to repent. (Acts xvii. 30.)

9. Why must all repent ?

All have sinned. (Rom. iii. 23.)

10. If you repent, how will you feel about your sin ?

I will be sorry for my sin. (Ps. xxxviii. 18.)

11. To whom will you confess it ?

I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD. (Ps. xxxii. 5.)

12. Is it a good plan to try and hide our sin, as Adam did ?

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper ; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. (Prov. xxviii. 13.)

13. Will God forgive our sins if we return to him ?

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts : and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isa. lv. 7.)

14. Does God require nothing more of us than that we should cease to do evil ?

Cease to do evil ; learn to do well. (Isa. i. 16, 17.)

15. But are our hearts inclined to cease from evil and do well ?

The heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. (Eccles. viii. 11 ; Jer. xvii. 9.)

16. What then should you ask of God, besides the pardon of your sins ?

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Ps. li. 10.)

17. When Jesus told the people to repent, what did he bid them believe ?

The kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark i. 15.)

18. What is the gospel ?

The glad tidings of the kingdom of God.
(Luke viii. 1.)

19. What kingdom was God to set up in the world ?

The kingdom of his dear Son. (Col. i. 13.)

20. What sort of king is God's Son ?

He is just, and having salvation. (Zech. ix. 9.)

21. What salvation has he for his people ?

He shall save his people from their sins.
(Matt. i. 21.)

22. For whose sake are their sins forgiven ?

For Christ's sake. (Eph. iv. 32 ; 1 John ii. 12.)

23. What else is given to them besides the pardon of their sins ?

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. (Ezek. xxxvi. 26.)

24. But how does God say that he will make their heart new ?

I will put my Spirit within you. (Ezek. xxxvi. 27.)

25. Who was to baptize people with the Holy Spirit?

The Son of God. (John i. 34.)

26. What sort of fruits do they bring forth who are baptized with the Holy Spirit?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (Gal. v. 22, 23.)

27. Is it not a great change for souls that were dead in sins to bring forth fruits like these?

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature : old things are passed away ; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor. v. 17.)

28. Who is it, then, that raises our dead souls to newness of life?

The Holy Ghost. (Titus iii. 5.)

29. What is the beginning of this new life called?

Being born again. (1 Peter i. 23.)

30. What did Jesus say about being born again ?

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John iii. 3.)

31. If the Spirit of Christ makes our souls alive from the dead, whose children shall we be ?

The children of the living God. (Rom. ix. 26 ; John i. 12, 13 ; Rom. viii. 14.)

32. Into whose image shall we be changed ?
The image of his Son. (Rom. viii. 29.)

33. Will Christ give all his people a share in his kingdom and glory ?

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought : they shall enter into the King's palace. (Ps. xlv. 15.)

34. What shall the King say to them then ?

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matt. xxv. 34.)

35. When the Son of God came to call men into his kingdom, how was he treated by them?

He is despised and rejected of men. (Isa. liii. 3; John i. 11.)

36. Why did they not welcome him, when he came with such glad tidings?

They hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD. (Prov. i. 29; John iii. 19.)

37. But there were some that heard his words and followed him;—what do we call them?

His disciples. (John iii. 22; viii. 31.)

CHAPTER XIII.

A PARABLE.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—LUKE xii. 32.

Read JOHN x. 1-30; PSALM xxiii.

1. Did Christ often teach his disciples about the kingdom of God by parables?

He spake many things unto them in parables.
(Matt. xiii. 3.)

2. Can you repeat a parable he once told them about the good shepherd ?

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. (John x. 11-14.)

3. Whom does God call his sheep ?

We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. (Ps. xcv. 7; Ezek. xxxiv. 31.)

4. Did God promise long ago that he would set up a shepherd over his flock ?

I will set up one shepherd over them.
(Ezek. xxxiv. 23.)

5. Who was that ?

Our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep. (Heb. xiii. 20.)

6. What does the good shepherd give for his sheep ?

The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (John x. 11.)

7. Why did our Shepherd need to lay down his life for us ?

All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isa. liii. 6.)

8. Why did God lay our iniquity on Jesus?

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. (Luke i. 74, 75.)

9. Who is the great enemy that seeks to scatter and devour the sheep ?

The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet. v. 8.)

10. Who will save you from the lion, if you call on him ?

The LORD shall save me. (Ps. lv. 16 ; 2 Tim. iv. 17, 18.)

11. What did Jesus say about his coming to save the lost ?

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke xix. 10 ; Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 12.)

12. What did Jesus oftenest call himself ?

The Son of man. (John iii. 14, &c.)

13. If a man has an hundred sheep, and loses one of them, what will he do ?

Doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray ? (Matt. xviii. 12.)

14. And what will he do when he has found it ?

When he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. (Luke xv. 5.)

15. And what will he say to his friends and neighbours, when he brings it safe home again ?

Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. (Luke xv. 6.)

16. Is there joy in heaven when the Lord Jesus brings a lost soul back to God ?

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. (Luke xv. 10.)

17. What more did God promise that Jesus should do for his sheep and lambs ?

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom. (Isa. xl. 11.)

18. What did Jesus say of the people who would not believe on him ?

Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. (John x. 26.)

19. And how did he say that his own sheep might be known ?

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John x. 27.)

20. How does a shepherd lead his flock in Eastern countries ?

He goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (John x. 4.)

21. Will they not follow a stranger?

A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him. (John x. 5.)

22. Why?

They know not the voice of strangers. (John x. 5.)

23. In what paths does Jesus lead his flock?

In the paths of righteousness. (Ps. xxiii. 3.)

24. We have heard what Jesus gave *for* his sheep; now, what does he give *to* them?

Eternal life. (John x. 28.)

25. Did he say that he would always keep them safely?

They shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. (John x. 28-30.)

26. Will all Christ's sheep be gathered into one fold at last ?

There shall be one fold. (John x. 16.)

27. Will there be any lion to devour them there ?

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon ; it shall not be found there ; but the redeemed shall walk there. (Isa. xxxv. 9.)

28. What shall the redeemed obtain there ?

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isa. xxxv. 10.)

29. What is to be the employment of the Lord's sheep there ?

Thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever. (Ps. lxxix. 13.)

30. Have you gone astray like a lost sheep ?

I have gone astray like a lost sheep. (Ps. cxix. 176.)

31. If you ask the good Shepherd to make

you one of his lambs, will he despise and reject you? What are his own words?

Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. (John vi. 37.)

32. Were any little children brought to Jesus, when he lived on earth?

There were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them. (Matt. xix. 13.)

33. Who rebuked the people that brought these children?

The disciples rebuked them. (Matt. xix. 13.)

34. Was Jesus pleased with the disciples for rebuking them?

When Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. (Mark x. 14.)

35. What did he do to the children?

He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. (Mark x. 16.)

CHAPTER XIV.

OUR LORD'S MIRACLES.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 3-4.

Read MATTHEW viii. 1-27; xiv. 14-21.

1. Did Christ do anything else besides preaching the gospel?

He cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. (Luke vii. 21.)

2. Once a leper came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.—What was Christ's answer?

I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (Matt. viii. 3.)

3. Did many people come to Christ, to be healed of their diseases?

Great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed. (Luke v. 15.)

4. But did they not believe the gospel

which he preached, when they saw his wonderful works?

Though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him. (John xii. 37.)

5. Tell me some more of Christ's wonderful works. What did he do once, when he was in a boat with his disciples, and a great storm made the waves dash over them?

He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. (Mark iv. 39.)

6. Did the wind cease?

The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark iv. 39.)

7. Were the men who were with him much astonished?

The men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! (Matt. viii. 27.)

8. Can you tell me how many people Christ once fed in the wilderness with five barley loaves and two small fishes?

Five thousand men, besides women and children. (Matt. xiv. 21.)

9. Did they all eat as much as they wished?

They did all eat, and were filled. (Matt. xiv. 20.)

10. When all had got enough, what did Jesus tell his disciples to do?

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. (John vi. 12.)

11. How many baskets full of fragments did they gather up?

Twelve baskets full. (Matt. xiv. 20.)

12. Did Jesus do many other wonderful works?

Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples. (John xx. 30.)

13. Did his disciples believe on him when they saw his miracles?

His disciples believed on him. (John ii. 11.)

14. Once Jesus asked his disciples, Whom

say ye that I am? What did one of them answer?

Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matt. xvi. 16.)

15. May we not well put our trust in the Son of God, who is so great and so kind?

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. (Ps. ii. 12.)

CHAPTER XV.

THE APOSTLES.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be.—JOHN xii. 26.

Read MATTHEW iv. 18-22; LUKE vi. 12, 13; MATTHEW x.

1. How many of his disciples did Christ choose to be apostles?

He chose twelve, whom also he named apostles. (Luke vi. 13.)

2. What did he choose the apostles to do?

That they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. (Mark iii. 14.)

3. What power did he give them?

He gave them power against unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness. (Matt. x. 1.)

4. Can you tell me the names of three apostles who were more with Jesus than the rest?

Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. (Mark v. 37.)

5. What was the name of Peter's brother?
Andrew. (Matt. iv. 18.)

6. What were these four apostles at first?
They were fishers. (Matt. iv. 18; Luke v. 10.)

7. One day Jesus saw them in their boats, and said to them, "Follow me;"—what did they do?

They forsook all, and followed him. (Luke v. 11.)

CHAPTER XVI.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.—Ps. cxlv. 18, 19.

Read LUKE xviii. 1-14 ; MATTHEW vi.

1. Can you tell me what Christ was doing the night before he chose his twelve apostles ?

He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. (Luke vi. 12.)

2. What did Christ teach his disciples about prayer ?

That men ought always to pray. (Luke xviii. 1.)

3. Did he promise that if they asked God for good things, they would receive them ?

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (Matt. vii. 7.)

4. What did he advise them to seek most of all ?

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt. vi. 33.)

5. What things shall be added ?

Things ye have need of. (Matt. vi. 8.)

6. Tell me some things that we need in this world ?

Food and raiment. (1 Tim. vi. 8.)

7. If we seek the Lord, will he give us all that we need ?

They that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. (Ps. xxxiv. 10.)

8. In what way does Christ teach us to pray ?

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matt. vi. 9-13 ; Luke xi. 2-4.)

9. In whose name did Christ say that we should pray to God ?

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. (John xvi. 23.)

10. Who helps us to come to God with the hearts of children, and teaches us what to ask from him ?

The Spirit of his Son. (Gal. iv. 6 ; Rom. viii. 26.)

CHAPTER XVII.

RAISING OF LAZARUS.

If a man die, shall he live again?—JOB xiv. 14. With thee is the fountain of life.—Ps. xxxvi. 9 ; JOHN i. 4.

Read the eleventh chapter of JOHN.

1. We have heard of many wonderful works of Christ : can Christ give life to the dead ?

As the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth* them ; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. (John v. 21.)

* The word *quicken* should be explained, as well as the Scripture usage of *quick*. It may be said here, once for all, that these lessons were originally drawn up for a real mother and child, who were sure

2. Can you tell me the name of a man of Bethany whom Christ raised from the dead?

Lazarus. (John xii. 1.)

3. What were the sisters of Lazarus called?
Mary and her sister Martha. (John xi. 1).

4. Did Jesus love them?

Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. (John xi. 5.)

5. Where was Bethany?

Nigh unto Jerusalem. (John xi. 18.)

6. Where was Jesus when Lazarus died?
Beyond Jordan. (John x. 40.)

7. When Jesus came to Bethany, how long had Lazarus been dead?

He had lain in the grave four days. (John xi. 17.)

8. Who went and met Jesus when she heard of his coming?

Martha. (John xi. 20.)

to make every answer the subject of much mutual questioning; and it was taken for granted that Harry would thus learn many things that are not expressly taught in the Catechism. The ideal of a child's religious training is to be found in Deut. vi. 6, 7.

9. What did Mary do ?

Mary sat still in the house. (John xi. 20.)

10. What did Martha say to Jesus ?

Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. (John xi. 21.)

11. What did Jesus say to her ?

Thy brother shall rise again. (John xi. 23.)

12. What was her answer ?

I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. (John xi. 24.)

13. What did Jesus then say to her ?

Jesus said unto her, I am the Resurrection, and the Life : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. (John xi. 25.)

14. Is it Christ that will raise the dead at the last day.

All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth. (John v. 28, 29.)

15. Did Mary come to Jesus when Martha told her he was there, and asked for her ?

As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. (John xi. 29.)

16. Who came with her?

The Jews which were with her in the house? (John xi. 31.)

17. What did Jesus do when he saw her weeping, and when he was going with her to the grave?

Jesus wept. (John xi. 35.)

18. What sort of grave was it?

It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. (John xi. 38.)

19. What did Jesus say to them that stood by?

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. (John xi. 39.)

20. What did he then say to God?

Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. (John xi. 41.)

21. And what did he cry with a loud voice to Lazarus?

Lazarus, come forth! And he that was dead came forth. (John xi. 43, 44.)

22. When the rulers of the people heard of Christ's doing this great wonder, did they believe on him?

From that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. (John xi. 53.)

23. Had Jesus told his disciples before this, that he would be betrayed and killed?

While they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. (Matt. xvii. 22.)

24. Did the disciples understand at the time how these things could be?

They understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. (Mark ix. 32.)

25. Were they very sorry that their dear Master must die?

They were exceeding sorry. (Matt. xvii. 23.)

26. Which of the apostles betrayed the Lord to the chief priests ?

Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. (Mark xiv. 10.)

27. Were the chief priests glad when Judas came to them ?

They were glad, and promised to give him money. (Mark xiv. 11.)

28. How much money did they promise him ?

Thirty pieces of silver. (Matt. xxvi. 15.)

29. Is it a good thing to be very fond of money ?

They that will be rich fall into temptation. (1 Tim. vi. 9.)

30. Did Judas really agree to betray the Lord Jesus for thirty pieces of silver ?

From that time he sought opportunity to betray him. (Matt. xxvi. 16.)

31. Who put this dreadful wickedness into the heart of Judas ?

The devil. (John xiii. 2.)

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE LAST PASSOVER AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.—*MATT.* v. 6. Behold, I stand at the door and knock : if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.—*REV.* iii. 20.

Read LUKE xxii. 7-34 ; *JOHN* xiii., xiv., xv., xvi., xvii.

1. What feast of the Jews did Jesus keep with his disciples before he died ?

The Passover. (*Matt.* xxvi. 18.)

2. What did the Jews think of when they kept this feast ?

Of the LORD'S Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians. (*Exod.* xii. 27.)

3. Which of the Egyptians did the Lord smite at that time ?

At midnight the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt. (*Exod.* xii. 29.)

4. What was slain and eaten at the Passover?
A lamb, without blemish. (Exod. xii. 3–5.)

5. Where were the children of Israel told to put some of the blood of the lamb the first time they kept this feast?

On the two side-posts, and on the upper door-post of the houses. (Exod. xii. 7.)

6. Why were they to do that?

Lest he that destroyed the first-born should touch them. (Heb. xi. 28.)

7. What more did God do for the children of Israel on that same night?

God brought them out of Egypt. (Numb. xxiii. 22.)

8. What had Egypt been to them?

The house of bondage. (Exod. xx. 2.)

9. Why did God bring them out of Egypt, and give them a land of their own to dwell in?

That they might observe his statutes and keep his laws. (Ps. cv. 45.)

10. Was the Passover-lamb an emblem of any one?

The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John i. 29.)

11. Who is the Lamb of God?

Jesus. (John i. 29.)

12. Was Jesus slain for us?

He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter. (Isa. liii. 7.)

13. Is he without blemish?

Without blemish and without spot. (1 Pet. i. 19; Heb. vii. 26.)

14. Why was he slain for us?

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. (Luke ii. 74, 75.)

15. After Jesus had taken the Passover with his disciples, what did he do with some bread?

He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them. (Luke xxii. 19.)

16. What did he say when he gave them the bread?

Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. (1 Cor. xi. 24.)

17. Did he also give them a cup of wine to drink?

He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. (Matt. xxvi. 27, 28.)

18. What blood was shed, in the times of the old testament, when people offered a sacrifice to God?

The blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. (Isa. i. 11.)

19. Why do we not sacrifice any lambs now? Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. v. 7.)

20. What had God told the children of Israel to do with the lamb, when they had killed it, and sprinkled the blood on the door-posts?

Thou shalt roast and eat it. (Deut. xvi. 7.)

21. Why do we take food every day ?

That we may live, and not die. (Gen. xlii. 2.)

22. If one is very long without food, how does he feel ?

He is hungry, and his strength faileth. (Isa. xliv. 12.) He is like to die. (Jer. xxxviii. 9.)

23. When we were without strength and ready to perish, did God send us bread from heaven ?

The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. (John vi. 33.)

24. Who is that ?

Jesus. (John vi. 35.)

25. It would be good news to starving people that there was bread for them ; but they would still die if they would not eat it : so it is not enough for us to *hear* about Jesus ; what else must we do ?

O taste and see that the LORD is good ; blessed is the man that trusteth in him. (Ps.

xxxiv. 8 ; John vi. 35, 57 ; Isa. lv. 1-3 ;
Luke xv. 17, 18.)

26. If we receive the Son of God into our hearts, will he give us life and strength ?

He that hath the Son hath life. (1 John v. 12.) The LORD will give strength unto his people. (Ps. xxix. 11 ; Eph. iii. 16, 17.)

27. What else is sometimes given to revive and strengthen people besides bread ?

Wine, that maketh glad the heart of man. (Ps. civ. 15 ; 2 Sam. xvi. 2.)

28. Can the love of Jesus revive the heart ?

Thy love is better than wine. (Cant. i. 2 ; Ps. xc. 14.)

29. If he visit us with his salvation will not our hearts be glad ?

This is the LORD ; we have waited for him ; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (Isa. xxv. 9 ; Ps. iv. 7 ; cxxvi. 3 ; 1 Pet. i. 8.)

30. How was salvation bought for sinners ?

With the precious blood of Christ. (1 Pet. i. 19.)

31. When Christ's people eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him, what do they shew forth ?

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, yedoshew the Lord's death. (1 Cor. xi. 26.)

32. How long shall this be done ?

Till he come. (1 Cor. xi. 26.)

33. What do we call this feast ?

The Lord's Supper. (1 Cor. xi. 20.)

34. What did Jesus do after supper ?

He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet. (John xiii. 5.)

35. After he had washed their feet and sat down again, what did he say ?

I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (John xiii. 15.)

36. How did he say that his disciples should be known ?

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John xiii. 35.)

37. Did he say he was going away from them for a little while?

Now I go my way to him that sent me. (John xvi. 5.)

38. Which of the apostles said that he would like to go with Jesus, or even to lay down his life for Jesus' sake?

Peter. (John xiii. 37.)

39. What did Jesus answer him?

I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. (Luke xxii. 34.)

40. When the disciples were sad about Jesus going away, what did he say to comfort them?

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (John xiv. 1-3.)

41. What was his parting gift to them ?

Peace I leave with you ; my peace I give unto you. (John xiv. 27.)

42. What did he say they would have in the world ?

In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world. (John xvi. 33.)

43. Whom did he promise to send to them from the Father ?

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. (John xiv. 26.)

44. After saying these things, Jesus prayed for his disciples. Some day, I hope, you will learn all his prayer. Just now, I can only ask you a little about it. What did he ask his Father to do for them while they were in the world ?

Keep them from the evil. (John xvii. 15.)

45. And where did he pray that they might be brought at last ?

Father, I will that they also, whom thou

hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me. (John xvii. 24.)

46. Did he pray for any others besides those who were with him then ?

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all may be one. (John xvii. 20.)

CHAPTER XIX.

THE LORD JESUS BETRAYED—FORSAKEN—DENIED.

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd.—ZECH. xiii. 7.

Read MATTHEW xxvi. 36-58 and 69-75.

1. Where did Jesus and his disciples go after he had given them the Lord's Supper ?

When they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. (Matt. xxvi. 30.)

2. What garden did they go to then ?

Gethsemane. (Mark xiv. 32 ; John xviii. 1.)

3. When they came there, Jesus told some of his disciples to sit down; but he took three of them a little further on; which were they?

Peter and James and John. (Mark xiv. 33.)

4. What did he bid them do, while he prayed?

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. (Matt. xxvi. 38.)

5. What did he himself do?

He went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. (Matt. xxvi. 39.)

6. When he came back did he find the three apostles watching?

He cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter: Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.
(Mark xiv. 37, 38.)

7. Did he go away again ?

He went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. (Mark xiv. 39.)

8. When he came back, how did he find the disciples ?

Asleep again. (Mark xiv. 40.)

9. Was Jesus in great sorrow that night ?

Being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly : and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Luke xxii. 44.)

10. When he came back the third time what did he say ?

Sleep on now, and take your rest : it is enough, the hour is come ; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Mark xiv. 41.)

11. While he yet spake, who came from the chief priests ?

Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with

him a great multitude, with swords and staves.
(Matt. xxvi. 47.)

12. How did Judas let the people who were with him know which was Jesus?

He came to Jesus and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. (Matt. xxvi. 49.)

13. What did they do then?

Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. (Matt. xxvi. 50.)

14. When Peter saw this, he drew a sword, and what did he do to the high priest's servant?

Cut off his right ear. (John xviii. 10.)

15. But what did Jesus do?

He touched his ear, and healed him. (Luke xxii. 51.)

16. Where did the multitude take Jesus?

Into the high priest's house. (Luke xxii. 54.)

17. What did the disciples do?

All the disciples forsook him and fled.
(Matt. xxvi. 56.)

18. Did some of them afterwards follow him afar off to the high priest's house ?

Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. (John xviii. 15.)

19. When a maid of the high priest said to Peter, Thou also wast with Jesus ; what way did he answer ?

He denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. (Matt. xxvi. 70.)

20. When another maid said, This is one of them ; did he confess it ?

He denied it again. (Mark xiv. 70.)

21. Still some of them that stood by said, Surely thou art one of them ; what did Peter then say ?

I know not this man of whom ye speak. (Mark xiv. 71.)

22. And what happened then ?

While he yet spake, the cock crew ; and the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. (Luke xxii. 60.)

23. And Peter remembered the word of the

Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And what did he do ?

Peter went out, and wept bitterly. (Luke xxii. 62.)

CHAPTER XX.

THE SAVIOUR CONDEMNED BY SINNERS.

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps : who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth : who, when he was reviled, reviled not again ; when he suffered, he threatened not ; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.—1 PET. ii. 21-23.

Read MARK xiv. 55-64 ; MATTHEW xxvii. 1-31.

1. Did the chief priests and their council try to find out the truth about Jesus ?

The chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death ; and found none. (Mark xiv. 55.)

2. What did the high priest ask him at last ?

Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed ? (Mark xiv. 61.)

3. What did Jesus say ?

I am : and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. (Mark xiv. 62.)

4. What did they agree upon then ?

They all condemned him to be guilty of death. (Mark xiv. 64.)

5. When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, did he repent?

Judas repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests. (Matt. xxvii. 3.)

6. What did he say to them ?

I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. (Matt. xxvii. 4.)

7. Did they care whether he repented or not ?

They said, What is that to us ? (Matt. xxvii. 4.)

8. What did Judas do ?

He cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and went and hanged himself. (Matt. xxvii. 5.)

9. When the morning was come, where did the chief priests take the Lord Jesus ?

To Pontius Pilate, the governor. (Matt. xxvii. 2.)

10. Did Pilate find that Jesus had done anything wrong ?

Pilate said to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. (Luke xxiii. 4.)

11. But what did the people cry out ?

Crucify him, crucify him. (Luke xxiii. 21.)

12. What did the governor say ?

The governor said, Why, what evil hath he done ? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. (Matt. xxvii. 23.)

13. What did Pilate do to please the people ?

When he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. (Matt. xxvii. 26.)

14. How did the soldiers treat Jesus ?

They stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed

in his right hand : and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews ! (Matt. xxvii. 28, 29.)

15. What more did they do ?

They spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. (Matt. xxvii. 30.)

16. How did Jesus bear all this ?

Like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth. (Acts viii. 32.)

17. Why had he to bear sorrow, and shame, and pain ?

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. (Isa. liii. 4, 5.)

18. When the soldiers had mocked him as much as they wished, what did they do next ?

They took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. (Matt. xxvii. 31.)

CHAPTER XXI.

THE CROSS AND THE GRAVE.

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.—HEB. ix. 28.

Read ISAIAH liii ; and PSALM xxii.

1. What was the place called where Jesus was crucified ?

Calvary. (Luke xxiii. 33.)

2. What did the Jews call it ?

Golgotha. (John xix. 17.)

3. Who were crucified along with Jesus ?

Two thieves ; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. (Mark xv. 27.)

4. What did Jesus say when the soldiers nailed him to the cross ?

Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do. (Luke xxiii. 34.)

5. Were there some that still mocked him ?

They that passed by reviled him. (Matt. xxvii. 39.)

6. What title had Pilate put over his cross ?

Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews
(John xix. 19.)

7. What did the chief priests say to Jesus, mocking him ?

If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. (Matt. xxvii. 42.)

8. What mocking words did one of the thieves beside him say ?

If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. (Luke xxiii. 39.)

9. But the other, answering, rebuked him ; and what did he ask of Jesus ?

Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. (Luke xxiii. 42.)

10. What was the Lord's answer ?

Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke xxiii. 43.)

11. What sort of King is Jesus ?

Just, and having salvation. (Zech. ix. 9.)

12. What did those who mocked him say ?

He saved others ; himself he cannot save.
(Matt. xxvii. 42.)

13. How did he really save others ?

By the sacrifice of himself. (Heb. ix. 26.)

14. Who stood by the cross of Jesus ?

His mother. (John xix. 25.)

15. When Jesus saw her and a disciple whom he loved standing near, what did he say to her ?

Woman, behold thy son ! (John xix. 26.)

16. And what did he say to the disciple ?

Behold thy mother ! (John xix. 27.)

17. Where did she live from that time ?

That disciple took her unto his own home.
(John xix. 27.)

18. What happened for three hours, while Jesus hung upon the cross ?

There was darkness over all the land.
(Matt. xxvii. 45.)

19. After it had been dark a long while, what loud cry was heard from the lips of Jesus ?

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ? (Matt. xxvii. 46.)

20. What did he say, just before he died ?

It is finished. (John xix. 30.)

21. And what else ?

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. (Luke xxiii. 46.)

22. What happened when he died ?

The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom ; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. (Matt. xxvii. 51.)

23. What did some of the soldiers think when all these things took place ?

They feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. (Matt. xxvii. 54.)

24. Who begged Pilate to let him have the body of Jesus ?

A rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph. (Matt. xxvii. 57.)

25. When Pilate gave him leave, what did he do with the Lord's body ?

He took it down, and wrapped it in linen.
(Luke xxiii. 53.)

26. Who helped Joseph, and brought sweet spices to wrap up with it ?

Nicodemus. (John xix. 39.)

27. Where did Joseph lay the body, when he had wound it in clean fine linen ?

In his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock. (Matt. xxvii. 60.)

28. What did he roll to the door of the tomb ?

A great stone. (Matt. xxvii. 60.)

29. What saying of Jesus did the chief priests remember the day after his burial ?

After three days I will rise again. (Matt. xxvii. 63.)

30. What plans did they take to prevent any one pretending that he had risen again ?

They went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. (Matt. xxvii. 66.)

CHAPTER XXII.

THE RESURRECTION.

The Lord's day.—REV. i. 10. This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—PS. cxviii. 24.

Read MATTHEW xxviii. 1-8; LUKE xxiv. 11-48; JOHN xx. 24-29.

1. What happened on the third day after Christ's death and burial?

He rose again the third day. (1 Cor. xv. 4.)

2. Who rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

The angel of the Lord. (Matt. xxviii. 2.)

3. What became of the keepers whom the chief priests had set to watch the grave?

For fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. (Matt. xxviii. 4.)

4. What day of the week was it?

The first day of the week, very early in the morning. (Luke xxiv. 1.)

5. What did Mary Magdalene and some other women do that morning?

They came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. (Mark xvi. 2.)

6. What did they see when they came there ?

They saw that the stone was rolled away. (Mark xvi. 4.)

7. How did they feel when they saw the angel ?

They were affrighted. (Mark xvi. 5.)

8. What did the angel say to them ?

Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here ; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.)

9. What more did the angel say to them ?

Tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee : there shall ye see him. (Mark xvi. 7.)

10. Whom did Mary run to first ?

To Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved. (John xx. 2.)

11. Did they run to the sepulchre when they heard what Mary told them ?

They ran both together. (John xx. 4.)

12. What did they see ?

The linen clothes laid by themselves. But him they saw not. (Luke xxiv. 12, 24.)

13. After they had gone home, who stood by the grave weeping ?

Mary. (John xx. 11.)

14. When she turned back from the grave, whom did she see standing near her ?

Jesus. (John xx. 14.)

15. What message did Jesus send by her to the disciples ?

Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. (John xx. 17.)

16. Which of the apostles did Christ first show himself to after he rose from the dead ?

Simon Peter. (Luke xxiv. 34; 1 Cor. xv. 5.)

17. On the same day, as two of the disciples went into the country, who drew near and walked with them ?

Jesus himself. (Luke xxiv. 15.)

18. Did they know that it was Jesus at first? Their eyes were holden, that they should not know him. (Luke xxiv. 16.)

19. What did he speak to them about? He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke xxiv. 27.)

20. When they had got to the place they were going to, what did Jesus do, as he sat at meat with them?

He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. (Luke xxiv. 30.)

21. What happened then? Their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. (Luke xxiv. 31.)

22. The same day at evening, when the apostles and some others were gathered together, who came and stood in the midst of them?

Jesus. (John xx. 19.)

23. What did he say to them?

Peace be unto you. (John xx. 19.)

24. What did he show them ?

His hands and his side. (John xx. 20.)

25. When they saw that it was really Jesus, were they very glad ?

Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. (John xx. 20.)

26. For how many days did Jesus continue to be seen by his disciples after he rose from the dead ?

Forty days. (Acts i. 3.)

27. Did he ever show himself to a great many of them at once ?

He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. (1 Cor. xv. 6.)

28. What things did he speak about when they saw him ?

The things pertaining to the kingdom of God. (Acts i. 3.)

In the twenty-first chapter of John you will find a very pretty story of how Jesus showed himself to some of his disciples who had been out fishing, and what he said to Peter.

CHAPTER XXIII.

FIRST-FRUITS.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—REV. xxii. 17.

Read ACTS i. 1-14 ; ROMANS viii. 31-39.

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples about his power and kingdom, after he rose from the dead ?

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matt. xxviii. 18.)

2. How was his kingdom to be spread over the earth ?

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. (Matt. xxviii. 19.)

3. What were they to teach them ?

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matt. xxviii. 20.)

4. What were they to do besides teaching them ?

Baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
(Matt. xxviii. 19.)

5. What saying of Jesus does baptism remind us of?

If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. (John xiii. 8.)

6. What do we need to have washed away?
Our sins. (Rev. i. 5 ; Acts xxii. 16.)

7. How do sinners appear in God's sight?
Filthy and abominable. (Job xv. 16.)

8. What abides on them ?

The wrath of God. (John iii. 36.)

9. Has Jesus made himself one with us in our misery ?

His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree. (1 Pet. ii. 24.)

10. Why did he shed his blood for us on the cross ?

To make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. (Dan. ix. 24 ; Heb. ix. 26.)

11. What can cleanse us from all sin ?

The blood of Jesus Christ. (1 John i. 7 ; Lev. xvi. 30.)

12. What did God say of Jesus Christ when he was baptized ?

Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Mark i. 11.)

13. If Jesus makes sinners one with himself, is God well pleased with them for his sake ?

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake. (Isa. xlii. 21 ; Rom. v. 19.)

14. What does God say about their sins ?

I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jer. xxxi. 34 ; Heb. x. 14-17.)

15. How will they appear in God's sight now ?

Whiter than snow. (Ps. li. 7.)

16. But how can sinners be made one with the Son of God ?

By his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Rom. viii. 10, 11 ; 1 Cor. xii. 13 ; 1 John iv. 13.)

17. Who gives us hearts to cleave to the Lord Jesus, and changes us into his likeness?

The Holy Ghost. (Tit. iii. 5; John xvi. 14; Phil. iii. 3; 2 Cor. iii. 18.)

18. And who is it that loved us, and gave himself for us?

The Son of God. (Gal. ii. 20.)

19. And who gave his Son to be our Saviour, and sends forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts?

God, even our Father, who hath loved us. (2 Thess. ii. 16.)

20. Into whose name, then, are we baptized?

The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matt. xxviii. 19.)

21. If God put his name on us, to whose household shall we belong?

The household of God. (Eph. ii. 19; iii. 15.)

22. And what manner of persons ought we to be?

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear

children ; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. (Eph. v. 1, 2.)

23. What did Christ's disciples baptize people with ?

Water. (Acts x. 47.)

24. Who can really wash our hearts and write God's name upon them ?

Christ. (Eph. v. 25, 26 ; Rev. iii. 12.)

25. What promise did Christ give to cheer his disciples in their work ?

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. (Matt. xxviii. 20.)

26. What did he tell them about the Holy Ghost ?

Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (Acts i. 5.)

27. Did the Lord Jesus give them his blessing ?

He led them out as far as to Bethany ; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. (Luke xxiv. 50.)

28. What happened while he was blessing them ?

He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven; and a cloud received him out of their sight. (Luke xxiv. 51; Acts i. 9.)

29. While the disciples were looking up after him, who stood by them?

Two men in white apparel. (Acts i. 10.)

30. What did these angels tell them about Jesus?

This same Jesus, who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. (Acts i. 11.)

31. Where had Jesus told his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Ghost?

In the city of Jerusalem. (Luke xxiv. 49.)

32. What then did they do, after they had seen him go up to heaven?

They worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (Luke xxiv. 52.)

33. How did they spend the time till the Holy Ghost came?

In prayer. (Acts i. 14.)

34. What came to pass on the day of Pentecost, when they were all with one accord in one place ?

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (Acts ii. 2.)

35. And what appeared to them ?

There appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (Acts ii. 3.)

36. And what then ?

They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. (Acts ii. 4.)

37. What did the disciples do after the Holy Ghost came upon them ?

They went forth and preached everywhere. (Mark xvi. 20.)

38. What did they tell all men everywhere to do ?

That they should repent and turn to God. (Acts xxvi. 20 ; ii. 38 ; iii. 19, &c.)

39. When any one confessed his sins, and

asked what he must do to be saved, what did they answer ?

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts xvi. 31 ; ii. 38.)

40. Did many of those who were at Jerusalem believe, when Peter preached to them on the day of Pentecost ?

About three thousand. (Acts ii. 41.)

41. Did many more people believe afterwards ?

Multitudes both of men and women. (Acts v. 14.)

42. What was done to those who believed ?

They were baptized. (Acts viii. 12, &c.)

43. What do we call the whole of those who believe in Christ, and are baptized in his name ?

The Church. (Acts ii. 47.)

44. Who is the Head of the Church ?

Christ. (Eph. v. 23.)

45. Can we be saved any other way but through Jesus Christ ?

There is none other name under heaven

given among men whereby we must be saved.
(Acts iv. 12.)

46. Is Jesus able to save all who come to God by him ?

He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb. vii. 25.)

47. Where does Christ intercede for his people ?

At the right hand of God. (Rom. viii. 34.)

48. But is he not also with his people here ?

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matt. xviii. 20.)

49. What will the Lord Jesus give to them who trust in him ?

The LORD will give grace and glory. (Ps. lxxxiv. 11.)

50. Will his kingdom be spread over all the earth at last ?

All nations shall serve him. (Ps. lxxii. 11.)

CHAPTER XXIV.

DEATH SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God ; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be ; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.—1 JOHN iii. 2.

Read 2 CORINTHIANS v. 1-9 ; 1 THESSALONIANS iv. 13-18 ;
REVELATION vii. 9-17.

1. Do you remember what Jesus said to the thief who prayed that he would remember him in his kingdom ?

Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke xxiii. 43.)

2. When the bodies of Christ's people return to dust, where do their souls go ?

To be with Christ, which is far better. (Phil. i. 23.)

3. Are they blessed for ever there ?

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours ; and their works do follow them. (Rev. xiv. 13.)

4. But will Jesus let their bodies be lost—what did he say himself?

This is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. (John vi. 39.)

5. What will the bodies of Christ's people be like when he raises them up again?

Like unto his glorious body. (Phil. iii. 21.)

6. Shall they die any more?

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Rev. xxi. 4.)

7. How shall the church of Christ appear then?

A glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. (Eph. v. 27.)

8. Will the Lord himself rejoice over his church when it is presented faultless before the presence of his glory?

He will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love. (Zeph. iii. 17.)

9. Do we know all that God has prepared for them that love him ?

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Cor. ii. 9.)

10. But what shall be their greatest joy ?

God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Rev. xxi. 3.)

CHAPTER XXV.

THE JUDGMENT-DAY.

The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels ; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.—
MATT. xvi. 27.

Read MATTHEW xxv. 31-46.

1. Shall the wicked rise from the dead when Christ comes at the last day ?

All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth. (John v. 28.)

2. But while the righteous come forth to everlasting life, what shall the wicked awake to ?

To shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan. xii. 2.)

3. Who is to judge the world?

The Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. iv. 1.)

4. Must we all be judged?

We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (2 Cor. v. 10.)

5. Will all our secrets be brought to light then?

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing. (Eccles. xii. 14.)

6. Must we give account of every idle word that we have spoken?

Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (Matt. xii. 36.)

7. Who shall be saved on that awful day?

They which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Rev. xx. 12 ; xxi. 27.)

8. Will Jesus know who they are ?

The Lord knoweth them that are his.
(2 Tim. ii. 19.)

9. What shall become of those whose names are not found in the book of life ?

These shall go away into everlasting punishment. (Matt. xxv. 46.)

10. Do we know when the judgment-day will come ?

Of that day and that hour knoweth no man ; no, not the angels which are in heaven.
(Mark xiii. 32.)

11. What should we all do, therefore ?

Watch and pray : for ye know not when the time is. (Mark xiii. 33.)

12. Tell me some more of the dreadful things that will happen at the last day.

The heavens shall pass away with a great noise ; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (2 Pet. iii. 10.)

13. But has God promised to make new heavens and a new earth ?

We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Pet. iii. 13.)

14. Who will keep his people safely amid all the changes that are coming?

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. (Heb. xiii. 8.)

CHAPTER XXVI.

THE THREE-ONE GOD.

Our help is in the name of the LORD.—Ps. cxxiv. 8. We will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.—MICAH iv. 5.

Read EPHESIANS iv. 4-6; 1 CORINTHIANS xii. 4-6; JUDE 20, 21.

1. In whose name are we baptized?

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matt. xxviii. 19.)

2. Who is the Father?

God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. xv. 6.)

3. What has Jesus Christ taught us to call him ?

Our Father. (Matt. vi. 9.)

4. Who is the Son ?

The great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.
(Titus ii. 13.)

5. When the Lord Jesus Christ ascended up on high, what gift did he receive for men ?

That the LORD God might dwell among them. (Ps. lxxviii. 18.)

6. Who is the LORD God that dwells among us ?

The Holy Ghost. (Acts ii. 33 ; 2 Cor. iii. 17 ; 1 Cor. iii. 16.)

7. Do you remember what Jesus Christ once said about his being one with his Father ?

I and my Father are one. (John x. 30.)

8. Are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost one God ?

The LORD our God is one LORD. (Deut. vi. 4.)

9. What does God promise to do for those who have his name put upon them?

I will bless them. (Numb. vi. 27.)

10. When the priests blessed the people of God in old times, what did they say?

Child.—The LORD bless thee, and keep thee ;

Teacher.—The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee ;

Child.—The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. (Numb. vi. 24–26.)

11. What blessing do we use, now that we know more about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen. (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)

12. And what should we say when we think who God is, and how he has blessed us?

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen. (Ps. lxxii. 18, 19.)

