

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 26

JEHOVAH'S GRACIOUS PROMISES TO ISRAEL (REVIEW).

LESSON TEXT—Hosea 14.
GOLDEN TEXT—Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.—Psa. 103:8 R. V.

The burden of punishment descended upon Israel, not because of the vindictive character of Jehovah, but because of the persistent pursuit of sin on the part of the nation.

The lessons of the past quarter extend from the latter days of Elijah, about 906 B. C., to the fall and captivity of Israel (the northern kingdom) B. C. 722 (Beecher), a period of 180 years. Some contend that the lesson for November 14, Daniel at the King's Court, is chronologically the last and ought to have been put at the end of the series. During the past quarter we have studied about six kings, Ahab, Joash, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Nineveh, Uzziah and Hosea; also six prophets, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Jonah, Amos and Hosea; and one soldier, Naaman.

A good method of review would be to have assigned to different scholars or classes each of the foregoing personages and to give a report of his chief characteristics. Material for such a review is easily accessible. Another method of review would be to take up the lessons serially and in connection with each read some appropriate Scripture verses that will serve to emphasize or to illustrate the chief fact of each lesson.

Lesson I. The weak King Ahab (strong in his perversity) is easily persuaded to do evil in order to gratify his covetousness. Elijah at God's command goes to meet Ahab who cries out, "Hast thou found me, O my enemy?" In reply Elijah delivers God's word; that word to us is found in Ex. 24:17. (Let each Scripture reference be read in full.)

Lesson II. The veteran champion Elijah is about to go home and his more youthful follower, Elisha, has one chief desire (see II Kings 2:9), which persistently followed is abundantly rewarded. The lesson for us is found in the master's prayer, John 14:16.

Lesson III. The stricken soldier, Naaman, at a child's suggestion, appeals to God's prophet, Elisha, for healing. He is directed how he may be cured and after some hesitation returns home cleansed. The lesson for us is that of being faithful amid life's experiences and of doing and living for others (see also Romans 12:20, 21).

Lesson IV. The servant of Elisha is very much excited. King and camp are in despair, yet the prophet is not disturbed. Why? Let us read II Kings 6:17. Remember that Jesus, the master of men, refused to avail himself of like angelic assistance in his great battle concerning sin (See Matt. 26:52). Christianity is a religion of love, not of force.

Lesson V. The faithful priest preserves the rightful king, Joash, and makes a covenant between him and the Lord, viz., that prince, priest and people "should be the Lord's people" (II Kings 11:17). Through the merits of our high priest there has been made a better, even an everlasting covenant (Heb. 13:20, 21).

Lesson VI. Again refers to the good king, Joash. The neglected temple is restored and refurbished through the liberality of the people. This temple is a type of our bodies, which are spiritual temples (Eph. 2:22), and the lesson for us is not only the care of the body, but of liberality towards the work and worship of God's house.

Lesson VII. This is the lesson which is chronologically out of order, but is used for its temperance application. Daniel, the clean youth, staked his life and position upon obeying the word of God (Dan. 1:8). The lesson for us is the exhortation of the apostle Paul (Eph. 5:13-17, see also I Pet. 5:8).

Lesson VIII is the foreign missionary lesson. Jonah's life story is not a flattering one, yet when he faithfully proclaimed God's word it wrought a marvelous transformation in great and wicked Nineveh. (Read carefully Matt. 16:10 and Isa. 55:10, 11). We are to herald, witness to the truth and leave the results with God.

Lesson IX presents Amos, the sturdy prophet of civic and moral righteousness, the great messenger of the "rightness" of things (Amos 5:14). The gist of this lesson for us will be found in the words of Jesus (Matt. 6:33).

Lesson X. Uzziah is that king who could not withstand prosperity and who, in the development of his pride (II Chron. 26:5, 16), assumed to disobey the word of God.

Lesson XI. Enter Hosea. Let the entire school state the message of the prophet to the people of Israel, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (Hosea 14:4). Then let all recite the "little gospel" (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

DECIDE ON CENTENNIAL

Omaha Gets Celebration in 1916; Lincoln in 1917

Omaha.—The general committee of one hundred in charge of the semi-centennial celebration of the admission of Nebraska into the union has decided on the features of the 1917 commemorative festivities. The first celebration will be held in Omaha in October, 1916, under the control of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. Celebrations will be held in all county seats on March 1, 1917. A literary celebration will be held in connection with the University of Nebraska commencement in June of 1917. A musical pageant and oratorical and literary production will be the central features of the Lincoln observance.

Many Converts During Meeting
Hastings.—With 107 converts for the three biggest meetings of the campaign on Sunday the six weeks' united evangelistic efforts of the allied protestant religious forces concluded shortly before midnight the most effective revival effort ever conducted in central Nebraska.

The grand total of converts, according to classified cards signed, is 1,772. Free will offerings to Evangelist Hamilton in three collections of the last day amounted to \$1,350. In addition to this Hastings church folk and citizens contributed over \$3,000 to the expense budget, over half of which paid five other members of the evangelistic party assisting the evangelist and wife. Forty volunteers completely razed the big tabernacle.

Falls City Has Double Epidemic
Tecumseh.—Word reaches here from Falls City that that town has a double epidemic—diphtheria and typhoid. There have been several deaths from the former and new cases of typhoid are said to be developing daily. The water supply is supposed to be the cause of the typhoid epidemic, and an investigation is under way. Considerable apprehension is felt over the situation.

Turning Cattle into Fields
Fremont.—In the vicinity of Snyder where farmers have been unable to secure the necessary help to gather their corn, cattle and hogs are being turned in the fields to do the husking. As much as six cents a bushel has been offered for huskers but even this fancy price has failed to bring out the workmen. The crop is below the average in yield and quality.

Challenge to Corn Huskers
Tecumseh.—William Kicker and Rudolph Blumberg of the Osage neighborhood, will challenge any two men of this section to a husking contest. The pair husked and cribbed 231 bushels of corn between sunrise and sunset Wednesday. One husked 130 bushels and the other 111 bushels. They unloaded the six loads of corn by hand, not using an elevator.

Holdup Artist Sentenced
Aurora.—Judge Corcoran sentenced George W. Webber to the penitentiary for an indeterminate term of from three to fifteen years for holding up and robbing Clark Perkins Thanksgiving evening. Webber made a complete confession declaring his assistant in the job was H. H. Holmes who is now in the hospital at York.

Night School for New Citizens
Hastings.—A night school for naturalized citizens is being planned for Hastings by J. M. Gurnatt of Omaha, United States naturalization examiner, and the superintendent of city schools, who has promised to launch the project after some other problems of his administration are worked out.

FROM ALL OVER NEBRASKA
Farmers around Liberty have organized a club to fight the hog cholera. An epidemic of measles has been raging in the town of Burr, in Johnson county.

Dr. Wesley Queen, a territorial pioneer of the state, is dead at his home in Lincoln.

Many farmers in Otoe county are short of help and are handicapped in gathering their crops.

Thayer county has 3,425 children attending school in the various districts, there being 150 teachers employed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Whitcomb celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at Friend last week.

Captain Adam Bax, one of the oldest residents of Lincoln, died on his 87th birthday at his home in that place, where he has resided for over fifty years.

Three year old Pearl Clark is in a Norfolk hospital suffering from serious burns received when she fell into a burning pile of rubbish.

A haul of \$20 was secured by yeomen who blew up the safe of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Fairbury.

Charles Bartick, of Beatrice, has been appointed to a position in the army and navy department at Washington.

Frank Schwarder of Louisville, was held up and knocked unconscious with brass "knuckles" by a negro at Omaha.

Lincoln will have a municipal Christmas tree on the statehouse lawn.

Kick Sturdevant of the North Platte gun club made a score of 49 out of a possible 50 at a recent shoot on the club grounds.

Nearly 200 tickets to the democratic banquet at Lincoln, January 11, have already been sold. Preparations are being made to feed over a thousand.

Pawnee county will receive somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for its road fund from the inheritance tax from the estate of the late John W. Bookwalter who died in Italy some weeks ago.

Concerning the Remaking of Suits



It is a good idea to buy an extra yard or so of the material selected for a tailored suit, in order that the coat or skirt, or both, may be altered and the suit remodeled. Good fabrics outlast styles, and a suit is often regretfully consigned to the discard, not because it is worn but because styles have changed since it was made.

A suit that is required to do more than one season's service without any alteration should be conservative in style. A plain skirt of medium fullness, and a box coat or one of the plain, semifitted models, if well made of good material and fine finish, is never out of the running.

A good model to follow in remaking a suit is shown in the picture given here. The skirt is made with an inverted panel set in at the back and front, and a narrow skirt may be widened by the addition of such panels. Another good plan for widening a narrow skirt is to split it up at each side to the swell of the hip. Here it is

trimmed to form a yoke, and an extra piece is set in at each side by shirring or plating it to the yoke. The fashion for short skirts help make the way easy in altering them, and borders at the bottom and bands set on are useful for the same purpose.

Coats have been brought up to date this season by the addition of full skirts, set on at the waist line, and by belts and pockets made in the new mode. A collar and cuffs in another fabric help out in the transformation, and buttons supplement these with the smartest of finishing touches.

It is a great satisfaction to convert an old style into a new one. Whether one is compelled to be economical or not a remade suit made of good cloth adds variety to the wardrobe and admits of the exercise of the individual taste in design.

Artificial feathers for millinery, made of fur, have been invented by a Boston man.

Little Ministers of Vanity



Someone whose occupation, or business, is the thinking up of pretty things must have turned her attention recently to artificial flowers. For these cunning copies of nature's beauty-wonders are compelling attention everywhere because they are used in new and unusual ways. We are used to seeing them in corsage bouquets and replacing natural flowers in the limousine. We are familiar with them in girdles about the waist and in wreaths about the hair, but these are only mere beginnings of their usefulness as it has been lately developed.

Everywhere little blossoms nestle in bows and rosettes of malines or lace, ornamenting collars and cuffs. They dangle, in place of ribbons, in hanging sprays from the girdle. They are perched in bright sprays on the party or the shopping bag, and they adorn the pincushion, the perfume bottle and the powder puff.

A small bouquet set in a frill of gauze and suspended by narrow ribbons that are tied about the wrist is the latest adjunct but one of the party gown. And that one is the spray of flowers which finishes an adorable anklet of malines that is tied above the slipper to fly with the feet of the

youngful dancer. Only one ankle is allowed this final touch of color and coquetry.

The corsage bouquet and the flowers for the limousine have other business in hand besides their important mission of beauty. They are determined to be useful as well as ornamental. A bouquet for the limousine is shown in the picture, made of two orchids and many sprays of lifelike lilies of the valley. In the heart of one orchid, concealed by flower petals, is a tiny box of compact powder and the other dares to harbor in this secret way a box of rouge. Flower petals cover the small powder puff that slips in each box and the unnoticeable little ring that is the handle of the puff is covered with silk floss.

The stems of the flowers are tied with a bow of ribbon matching one of the shades in the orchids in color. One ribbon loop is sewed up along the edges to form a case for a tiny mirror. Look twice in the heart of the newest corsage rose and the chances are that you will find it harboring the same sort of first aids to Cupid.

Julia Bottomley

PUDDINGS FOR COLD WEATHER

Seasonable Desserts That Will Call Forth the Appreciation of Guests and the Family.

Tapioca Pudding.—Soak one cupful of pearl tapioca over night in one quart of water. In the morning pare and core six tart apples or peaches. Stew them slightly and lay in a deep baking dish. Add sugar (and a little lemon juice if apples are used) to the tapioca and pour it over the fruit. Bake until the tapioca becomes like jelly and eat either hot or cold with or without sugar and cream.

Chocolate Pudding.—Heat a quart of milk with four level tablespoonsful of grated chocolate; and three level tablespoonsful of cornstarch dissolved in a little cold milk, a pinch of salt, and sweeten to taste. When cooked thick, flavor with vanilla, and when sufficiently cool pour into a glass dish. Serve very cold with whipped cream piled on top.

Prune Pudding.—One pound stewed prunes, whites of four eggs, one cupful of sugar. Drain the juice from the prunes, remove the stones and chop. Beat the eggs stiff, and the sugar gradually, then stir in the chopped prunes. Bake 20 minutes. Serve cold with whipped cream flavored with vanilla.

Rice Pudding.—Mix four cupfuls of milk, one-third cupful rice, one-half cupful seeded raisins, one-third cupful sugar and one-half teaspoonful salt. It is necessary to stir occasionally to prevent rice and raisins from settling to bottom of dish. If raisins are not used some flavoring should be added.

MANY USES FOR SARDINES

Suggestions for Dishes That Will Be Appreciated by Those Fond of the Delicacy.

Combined with tomatoes, sardines make delicious sandwiches. Pound a dozen of them to a paste with a little butter, squeeze some lemon juice over them and season with cayenne pepper. Butter thin slices of bread and cover with the mixture. On this place some thin slices of tomato, add pepper and salt, and cover with a slice of bread.

A pimento-sardine salad is both unusual and toothsome. Remove the bones from the sardines, chop and mix with an equal quantity each of chopped pimentos and celery and one-third the quantity each of olives and nut meats. Chill and serve in a border of jellied tomato with a rich mayonnaise dressing.

Stuffed sardines are tasty for informal lunches and suppers, and are easily prepared. Select the boneless variety which are put up in oil, open and fill with Parmesan cheese, press together and serve with sliced lemon.

Grilled sardines are good. Wash a can of large sardines and heat in a tablespoonful of butter. Pour over them a white sauce seasoned with a table sauce, lemon and parsley. Serve on toast.

Lemon Pop.

Half cake yeast, two pounds granulated sugar, two ounces ginger root, eight quarts boiling water, two ounces cream of tartar, juice of seven lemons.

Place ginger root (crushed) in pot, add sugar and boiling water, lemon juice and cream of tartar. Let stand until lukewarm, then add yeast dissolved in half cupful water; stir well. Cover and let stand eight hours in a warm room; strain through flannel bag and bottle. Set bottles in a cool place and put on ice as required for use.

This is a most refreshing summer beverage; as a thirst quencher nothing is superior.

Tomato Soup (Belgian Fashion).

Boil together six medium potatoes, a celery, two leeks, two carrots and a pound of fresh tomatoes, with pepper, salt and a leaf of bay. Pass all through the sieve. Fry two or three chopped onions in some butter and add the soup to them. Boil up again for 20 minutes before serving. If you have no fresh tomatoes, the tinned ones can be used, removing the skin at the same time that you add the fried onions.

Creamed Sardines.

Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter, add one-fourth cupful of soft, stale bread crumbs and one cupful of thin cream, and bring to the boiling point. Add one box of sardines, two hard-boiled eggs finely chopped, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one-eighth teaspoonful each of pepper and paprika. Again bring to the boiling point, and serve on finger-shaped pieces of toast. Garnish with toast pieces.

Tongue and Egg Salad.

Cut cold tongue in thin slices, then cut again into pieces about one inch square; arrange a layer of tongue on fresh lettuce leaves, and on the tongue place a layer of hard-boiled eggs sliced thin; then another layer of tongue, and cover all with a good mayonnaise. Decorate the dish with slices of cold beets and parsley.

Baked Onions With Cheese.

Peel and cut in one-half-inch slices, large white onions. Parboil in salted water, drain, and arrange in a buttered baking dish with bits of butter, and bake until soft; then sprinkle with salt, pepper and a layer of grated cheese. Return to the oven long enough to melt the cheese.

Lemon in Your Coffee.

A slice of lemon in feed coffee adds as much to its tastiness as it does to that of feed tea, where it is more commonly used.

RUNAWAY LAD TELLS ASTONISHING TALES

Japanese Author's Son Has Penchant for Wandering and Wondering.

Yonkers, N. Y.—The Children's society lost its greatest and most imaginative mystery when the twelve-year-old Japanese youth who has been there a month was identified as Clifton Adachi, son of Kennesuke Adachi, an author. The boy's father will take him home, calmly and without emotion, as he has done about thirty or forty times in the last two years.

For Clifton, whose mother was an American woman, the daughter of Judge John Clifton Epperson of Kansas, Ill., is tormented continually by the itching of the "rabbit's foot." When he is not reading detective stories and ruining the parlor furniture by playing that he is anything from a battering ram to Sherlock Holmes, he is preparing to wander through un-



Telling Some of the Best Brain Figments Ever Devised.

charted seas and tell "whoppers" guaranteed to at least attract attention.

He has been telling officials at the Children's society some of the best brain figments ever devised. After he had confided to them that he was the abandoned son of an Indian prince, the child of a Japanese fisherman and the scion of a western family, his adventures became tiresome, and postal cards, bearing his likeness, were sent all over the country. His grandfather, in Kansas, Ill., saw one of these cards and notified the Children's society that it could find the father in New York. Mr. Adachi, when told of his son's whereabouts, sighed:

"Oh, well, I'll come and get him. I thought he was safe."

The youthful Adachi, when he was told firmly what his name and pedigree was, rubbed his hands ruefully against his knickerbockers, kicked a stubbed shoe into the rug and said:

"Oh, shucks, that's true. I guess now I've got to go home and go to school again—but," and he brightened, "you just wait. When I get rich, I'm going to—" and the rest of the children gathered around while the youthful Aladdin again rubbed his lamp of dreams for them.

ONE KISS ENOUGH AT ALTAR

Judge Calls Halt When Bridegroom Delays Completion of Marriage Ceremony.

Alton, Ill.—One kiss is all a bridegroom may give his bride when the ceremony is performed in the office of Police Magistrate Patrick Maguire. This rule was announced by the magistrate after the repeated oscillations of a couple delayed the completion of the ceremony.

The couple being married were J. F. Koshensoeger of Alton and Miss Goldie A. Van Hoy of Terre Haute, Ind. In the course of the ceremony the judge asked the bridegroom to kiss the bride. The bridegroom didn't stop at one or two or three, and finally the magistrate asked him to cease, as it was taking too much time for the ceremony.

CHASED WOLF INTO HOUSE

Animal Is Caught Under the Children's Bed and Killed With Ax.

Centralia, Kan.—Hounds chased a wolf into Joe Jackson's yard near Summerfield and when Mrs. Jackson opened the door to see why the dogs were barking the big wolf jumped in and ran under a bed.

The bed was pulled out a little from the wall until the wolf raised his head between the wall and the bed. Then the bed was jammed back to hold the animal until an ax could be obtained with which to kill it.

Meantime there was something doing in the noise line, with three children in the bed, the wolf back of the bed and two bounds under the bed, all lifting their voices in loud howlings.

City Marshal Killed at Dog Fight. Council Hill, Okla.—W. T. Harrison, city marshal, was killed by a blow from the bare fist of J. J. Bell, a farmer, at a dog fight. Harrison's jaw was broken and when he fell he either broke his neck or fractured his skull. No charge was placed against Bell.