#### **Sunday School Opening**

+The Invocation

+The Hymn: "Christians, Come in Sweetest Measures"

- Christians come in sweetest measures
   Sing of those who spread the treasures
   In the holy Gospels shrined;
   Blessed tidings of salvation,
   Peace on earth their proclamation,
   Love from God to lost mankind.
  - See the rivers four that gladden With their streams the better Eden, Planted by our Savior dear,
     Christ the Fountain, these the waters, Drink, O Zion's sons and daughters; Drink and find salvation here.

Then shall thanks and praise ascending
For Thy mercies without ending
Rise to Thee, O Savior blest.
With Thy gracious aid defend us,
Let Thy guiding light attend us,
Bring us to Thy place of rest.

#### +The Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Mark in the Bible

Acts 12:12 44 A.D.

"When he (Peter) realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying."

## Acts 12:25

"And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark."

Acts 13:5,13 46 A.D.

"When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them...Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem."

# Acts 15:36-40 49 A.D.

"Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the Word of the Lord, and see how they are.' Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark, but Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them...and had not gone with them to the work... Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed...And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches."

## Colossians 4:10-11

"Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas...and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me."

## Philemon 23-24

59-61 A.D.

"Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers."

## 1 Peter 5:13

61-62 A.D.

"She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son."

## 2 Timothy 4:11

65-67 A.D.

"Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry."

Mark's Gospel is dated about 60 A.D.