

THE MONTHS.

January brings the snow,  
 Makes our feet and fingers glow;  
 February brings the rain,  
 Thaws the frozen lake again;  
 March brings breezes loud and shrill,  
 Stirs the dancing daffodil;  
 April brings the primrose sweet,  
 Scatters daisies at our feet;  
 May brings flocks of pretty lambs,  
 Skipping by their fleecy dams;  
 June brings tulips, lilies, roses,  
 Fills the children's hands with posies;  
 Hot July brings cooling showers,  
 Apricots and gillyflowers;  
 August brings the sheaves of corn,  
 Then the harvest home is borne;  
 Warm September brings the fruit,  
 Sportsmen then begin to shoot;  
 Fresh October brings the pheasant,  
 Then to gather nuts is pleasant;  
 Dull November brings the blast,  
 Then the leaves are whirling fast;  
 Chill December brings the sleet,  
 Blazing fire and Christmas treat.

—Children's Friend.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON IX. [August 30.]

DAVID SPARES SAUL.

1 Sam. 26. 5-12, 21-25. Memorize verse 21

GOLDEN TEXT.

Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.—Luke 6. 27.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where did David go to live? Why? Because Saul wished to kill him. What cave did he live in? Who came to him there? How many came finally? Six hundred. Who came into David's cave one day? What did David do to him? What did he do after Saul awoke? How did Saul feel? Did Saul follow David again? How many men were with him? What did David do at night? Who was with him? Abishai. What did David do on the hilltop? What did Saul answer? What good thing did he say? Did he still try to follow David? No.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read of Jonathan's visit to David. 1 Sam. 23. 14-18.
- Tues. Read of David at Engedi. 1 Sam. 24. 1-22.
- Wed. Find when Samuel died. 1 Sam. 25. 1.
- Thur. Read lesson verses. 1 Sam. 26. 5-12, 21-25.
- Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat. Read a psalm about David hiding from Saul. Ps. 57.
- Sun. Find how thankful David was. Ps. 34. 8-8.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That God is life over death.
2. That he is good over evil.
3. That if we are his we are safe.

LESSON X. [Sept. 6.]

DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN.

1 Sam. 31. 1-13. Memorize verses 6, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 14. 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where had David gone to live? What had their king given him? Could Saul trouble him there? What people did he gain a great victory over? What had the Amalekites done? Burned Ziklag and stolen the women and children. What had Saul become? Whom did he go to see? What kind of words did he hear? What happened to him then? What people came against Israel? What had become of Saul's three sons? Was Jonathan one of them? What was the end of Saul? What man was faithful to him? What did David do? How did he feel about Saul? What were his words about Jonathan?

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read about David's city of refuge. 1 Sam. 27. 1-7.
- Tues. Find what Saul's troubles were. 1 Sam. 28. 3-6.
- Wed. Read what was said to Saul in a vision. 1 Sam. 28. 15-20.
- Thur. Read the lesson verses. 1 Sam. 31. 1-13.
- Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat. Read David's song of faith. Ps. 71. 17-21.
- Sun. Read David's song of praise. Ps. 40. 1-3.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That the wages of sin is death.
2. That to end right we must begin right.
3. That the Lord helps, but does not force, us to be good.

KITTY'S PARTY.

Gladys and Nina had been planning for some time to give Trot, their kitty, a birthday party when she should be one year old.

When Trot was first given to them she was just a little kitten; but kittens grow so fast that now, much to the sorrow of the girls, she was quite a staid and full-grown cat, but they loved her just as much as ever.

"Who shall we invite to kitty's party?" they began to ask each other somewhat anxiously a day or two before the date of her birthday.

Louise's kitty had run away, and hadn't been seen for days; Helen had only a dog, which wouldn't do at all, and really there seemed to be no respectable cats to invite. Here was a great predicament. The morning of the birthday arrived, and as Gladys and Nina dressed they discussed the situation.

"We must find somebody to invite this very morning," Gladys announced as she pulled on a shoe. She meant some cat, you know.

"Of course we must," answered Nina; "it wouldn't be any party at all without some cat else at it."

Somehow, all through breakfast, their papa and mamma looked very mysterious, and occasionally nodded and smiled at each other; but the girls were so busy planning for the birthday party that they did not notice it.

Immediately after breakfast their papa went to the shed and called the girls. They ran out at once and their mamma followed them; and what do you suppose? There in Trot's box, cuddled close up to her, were five little baby kittens. "You see Trot has sent out her own invitation," said their papa. And when such squeals of delight as there were from the girls. They fairly hopped from one foot to the other in their excitement.

And so Trot's birthday party was furnished with guests, and Trot was treated to the daintiest supper that two happy little girls could devise.

LETTING THE WORDS BUMP.

"Mother, I really don't mean to say naughty things," said Eddie.

"Then why do you say them?" answered mother.

"Why, when I feel cross, the cross words just rise up in my throat, and out they will come, or else I would choke."

"No," said mother, "don't let them out."

"How can I help it?" said Eddie.

"You must learn to shut your mouth and make a fence of your lips, so that the cross words cannot get out."

"They'll come again, more and more of them," said Eddie.

"No; if you will keep them back and not let them out, by and by they will stop coming."

Then Eddie stopped to think. After thinking, he said: "I know; it is just like kitty. When kitty came here she thought that she could jump right through the window glass; but she only bumped her head against the glass, and could not get through. Then she stopped trying. Perhaps the cross words would be just like Kitty. When they can't get through the fence, they will stop coming. I will just let them bump their heads against my lips.—Selected.