

A USEFUL GIRL.

Sleeves to the dimpled elbow,
Fun in the sweet blue eyes,
To and fro upon errands
The little maiden hies.
Now she is washing dishes,
Now she is feeding the chicks,
Now she is playing with pussy,
Or teaching Rover tricks.

Wrapped in a big white apron,
Pinned in a checkered shawl,
Hanging clothes in the garden,
Oh, were she only tall!
Hushing the fretful baby,
Coaxing his hair to curl,
Stepping around so briskly
Because she is mother's girl.

Hunting for eggs in the haymow,
Petting old Brindle's calf,
Riding Don to the pasture,
With many a ringing laugh.
Coming whene'er you call her,
Running wherever sent,
Mother's girl is a blessing,
And mother is well content.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON VIII. [May 26.]

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN.

Acts 2. 1-11. Memory verses, 1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.—John 16. 13.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

How long did the disciples wait for the promised gift? Ten days. On what day did it come? On the day of Pentecost. What was this day? "The feast of first-fruits." How long after the Passover did it come? Fifty days. How long was it now since Jesus rose? Fifty days. Where were the disciples on the morning of Pentecost. In an upper room. What were they doing? Praying and waiting. What did they hear first? A great sound. What did they see? Tongues of fire. What came upon them? A strange power. What could they do now? Speak in strange languages. Who came running to hear them? What did these strange things mean? That the Holy Spirit had come.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read a wonderful story. Acts 2. 1-11.
- Tues. Find what promise was fulfilled. Acts 1. 5, 8.
- Wed. Learn who came to be our teacher. Golden Text.
- Thur. Find who were filled with the Spirit. Acts 1. 13, 14.
- Fri. Read what Joel said long before. Joel 2. 28, 29.

Sat. Read about the Spirit's work. John 16. 7-13.

Sun. Learn the fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5. 22, 23.

LESSON IX. [June 2.]

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST IN HEAVEN.

Heb. 9. 11-14; 24-28. Mem. vs., 24-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He ever liveth to make intercession.—Heb. 7. 25.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

How did the disciples feel after Jesus went away? Full of hope. When did joy fill their hearts? As soon as the Holy Spirit came. When was this? On the day of Pentecost. What work did he send them out to do? To tell about him. What was Jesus to us? A true High Priest. How did he secure help for us? By giving up his life. Where does he now appear for us? In heaven. How often did the earthly high priest offer sacrifice for sin? Every year. What did our divine High Priest do? He made sacrifice once for all. What was it? His own precious life. To whom will Jesus appear the second time? To those who look for him.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson verses carefully. Heb. 9. 11-14; 24-28.
- Tues. Learn where our High Priest is. Heb. 8. 1.
- Wed. Find what he is like. Heb. 7. 26, 27.
- Thur. Learn what our High Priest can do. Heb. 7. 25.
- Fri. Read about coming to Jesus. Heb. 10. 19-22.
- Sat. Learn how our High Priest feels for us. Heb. 4. 15.
- Sun. Find what he will give us. Heb. 4. 16.

THE MISCHIEVOUS DOGS.

"Ki-yi! ki-yi! I am a very much abused doggie, I am; and so is my friend Towser.

"What is the matter? O dear, ki-yi-yip! I've had such a whipping; and so has Towser.

"Who whipped us, and what for? Well I'll tell you all about it, if you'll excuse me until I lick my paw a little more. It's almost broken, and so is Towser's.

"You see, it's this way. Ow-ow, my back does ache so yet. My little mistress has a thing that looks just like a baby. She takes it in her arms and kisses it, and loves it. It made me dreadfully unhappy to see her love that thing; and so it did Towser.

"It's a stupid thing, anyhow. It never jumps about, nor barks, nor talks, nor cries, nor does anything but just lie still where it is put, and stare at one. I always wanted to get hold of it to see what it was, whether it was a live baby or not; and so did Towser.

"But we never had a chance till to-day. My mistress' mamma said, when the thing first came, 'Nellie, never leave your dolly where those mischievous dogs can get hold of it.' Mischievous dogs, indeed! My feelings were dreadfully hurt; and so were Towser's, and we made up our minds to wreak our vengeance upon that dolly if we ever had a chance.

"Well to-day Nellie went out of the room in a hurry, and forgot to shut that dolly up in the closet. I was in the room; and so was Towser.

"Now's our time, Towser," said I. 'Let's get that dolly, and see what the creature is, anyhow. Let's bite it, and shake it, until it cries. If it's a baby it will cry then, sure.' So we did. We shook it, and pulled it, and bit it; but it never cried one bit. A dreadful thing happened, though. We killed the thing. Its head tumbled right off. I'm sure I didn't mean to kill it; neither did Towser.

"Then Nellie came in the room. I saw by the look of her face that she was very angry. I hid under the sofa; and so did Towser. But she pulled us out. I begged very hard, but it wasn't a bit of use. I got a dreadful whipping; and so did Towser."

AN ALPHABETICAL EXERCISE.

"How many things come on the table that begin with A?" The children thought a minute, and one responded, "Apples;" another, "Asparagus;" another, "Almonds." "Is there nothing else which we eat that begins with A?" No answer. "Well, look it up after dinner. What do we eat that begins with B?" A simultaneous shout, "Beef;" then "Bananas," "Butter," "Beans," and "Bread" followed in quick succession.

"Now I want you to make up lists of all the articles of food used by us or any humans, except cannibals. You may hunt through the cook-books, through the dictionary, through the botany, through the encyclopedias and books of travel. Put each list under its appropriate letter, and at the bottom of each list the number it aggregates; then the sum of the whole. We shall then see on what the human race subsists. The one that gets the longest list is to have a prize."

Right after dinner the children made little blank books, leaving a page for each letter of the alphabet, and set to work on their quest. It couldn't be concluded in half a day or half a year, but it was decided that in three months they should compare notes and see which one had made the largest aggregate. The books were a curious study when they came in. If any one thinks this exercise is not interesting, let him engage in it, and see.

There is no oath in the Japanese language, and hardly a possibility of profanity. In this respect the nation stands alone in the world.