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HOW well our little man is learning! He'll soon be a splendid reader." You overheard this when you were supposed to be out of hearing altogether. Don't let it make you proud. That would be a pity.

But isn't it a fine thing to be able to read for yourself? Isn't it very like what the opening of his eyes must have been to the blind man? He saw things that he never dreamed of before. And books are a new world to you, now that you can read them for yourself; and a very bright and beautiful world it is, too.

The lessons in *THE QUARTERLY* are written specially for little boys and girls. There are no hard words. You will find it easy to read them, and I hope you will read and study them, too, very carefully week by week.

"How can I study a lesson?" you say. "I'm such a very little chap." It's not so hard to do as it looks. Suppose you go about it something in this way:

You will begin, of course, by a good look at the picture. Try and find out how many things there are to see in it, and what they all mean.

To do this you will likely have to read "The Lesson Retold," which gives you the lesson story in very simple words. Even your little brother or sister, who cannot read at all, can understand them all. *THE QUARTERLY* is meant for them, too.

When you have read this over, look at the next page. You will find the "Questions and Answers" there. Read them over, also; and, when you have finished, get some one to ask the questions and see if you can give the answers. You will be almost sure to have to go over them once or twice again before you know them all.

Generally the Golden Text is among the "Questions and Answers," but not always. When it is not, you will find it down at the bottom of the page. Learn it off by heart, and also the Catechism. There are 132 questions in the Catechism altogether, and if you learn those

given for each Sabbath, you will have the whole Catechism by heart in two years, and be ready for the bigger Catechism which the older boys and girls are learning.

The Lesson Hymns should be got off by heart as well as the Catechism and the Golden Text. These hymn verses are like little gems. You will be very rich by and by if you store one away each week in your memory.

I haven't said anything about the little story which is given with almost all the lessons. I am sure you will likely read it the first thing, and, do you know, if you study the lesson as I have described, you will be anxious to read over the whole passage of Scripture for yourself. You should find it in your own Bible, so that when your teacher asks you, you will be able to turn it up very quickly.

I think it would be very nice to print with a pencil in big letters "What I have learned today" in a little book which you can fold out of a sheet of paper, with one page for each lesson. It will help you to remember.

Now, you are saying, "Why, you want me to study my lesson, as if I were big, and I'm only a very little fellow." Yes, but it's wonderful what little fellows can do when they try, and there are seven days in the week, and it needs just the least little bit of time each day to do all that I have asked you to do before the next Sabbath comes round.

CHILDREN AND BIBLE STUDY

By Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts

There are several things that combine to give children a distaste for Bible reading rather than a relish for it. First, the extensiveness of the Bible; to a child it would seem that it "could never be read through." Second, the close manner in which it is printed makes it a difficult book to read. Third, the smallness of the type as compared with that in which children's books are usually printed makes it hard reading.