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## ROBBING THE EAGLE'S NEST.

In our picture we see how some boys have planned to rob an eagle of her young, and how they were frightened in their attempt.

You see how they have climbed into this place of danger on the limb of an old tree. They have carried a rope with them, and one of the boys is brave enough to let them put the rope around his body and let him down upon the large flat rock a little way below, where the young eagles are.

He took two of the little things into his arms, and the boys above are busy pulling him up again, when the mother eagle comes in sight. Of course she sees her little one are being taken away and she objects.

The eagle is a strong bird, and the boys know it. As she flies fiercely at the boy, as though she would take hold of him, he is frightened and drops one little eagle. The other boys are alarmed and keep pulling away at the rope. One little boy thinks he will frighten away the mother eagle and keep her from harming the boy who has stolen her darlings; but this is useless.

She means to protect her own. They are in danger. They hardly knew how to escape. They do not want to have to give back the little eagles, and they are so

frightened they hardly know what to do. I think they will learn a lesson from this experience and never go to rob birds' nests again. It is very cruel to do so, but per-

haps they thought they were stronger than the eagle, and did not care about the wrong, just so they succeeded in getting the birds. We are sure to be punished

for our wrongs, if we do think we may be able to hide them.

These boys would not like to be compared to Satan, would they? But Satan tries to harm God's children, and take them from his arms of love and protection, so he can hold them in his wicked power. God looks upon all his children and loves them, and while they will trust in him he keeps them safely. Don't be like Satan in any way by doing evil deeds, but take Jesus for your great pattern and do gentle deeds in his service. Do not take advantage of the weak and helpless, and harm them; but do them good, by speaking comforting words and by doing deeds of kindness. Do not even rob a bird's nest.

Have any of you, dear children, ever tried to make a nest like a bird's nest? If you have tried, you have not succeeded, we are sure; and it must make you very humble to think that your little fingers, nimble though they may be, and your busy brain, wise as you may think it, cannot do as much as the bill and the will of one of God's little birds. He has given

varied gifts to each of his creatures, and his love is abundant to us all.—Selected.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.



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