

THE SHADOW BOY.

Shadow boy, shadow boy, black as a crow,

Why do you tag me wherever I go?  
Still as a mouse you keep gliding away.

Why don't you answer me? Why don't you play?

Often I've wondered what makes you so shy;

Why you should chase me, but never pass by.

Soon as I stop, you stop following, too;

You won't come nearer, and I can't catch you.

Sometimes when I am at play in the sun,

How I do wish you could talk and liked fun!

You're just the size to be chummy with me.

My! what a gay, jolly pair we could be!

Shadow boy, shadow boy, why we're you play?

Why do you tag me so shyly all day?

Oh, if you only were jolly and stout,  
Wore real, squeaky shoes, and could whistle and shout!

—S. S. Visitor.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS.

LESSON 8.—NOVEMBER 25.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

Isaiah 5. 11-23. Memory verse 11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection.—1 Cor. 9. 27.

LESSON STORY.

Woe. Woe! woe! always the same story where liquors are used. There are few cases in which people can use it freely without being harmed, but they are so very few when you think of the millions who suffer woe from it. The good prophet, Isaiah, well knew its danger and warned the people of Israel against it. But in spite of his warning the sin of drunkenness was one of their greatest. It caused them to desert God and worship idols. It made judges receive bribes, so there was no true justice. In short, it was the cause of every sin and crime that could be committed.

So it is in our day. And as sure as it brought woe to Israel, so will it bring woe to Canada if we do not guard against the wicked liquor trade.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who was Isaiah? A good prophet of the Israelites.

2. What did he warn them against? Drunkenness.

3. Was it a common sin in his day? Yes.

4. Did it bring woe to Israel? Yes, they were made captives.

5. What does calling "Evil good and good evil mean"? Calling by pleasant names amusements or practices that we know are evil.

LESSON 9.—DECEMBER 2.  
WORLD'S ESPERANCE SUNDAY

Luke 23. 13-25. Memory verses, 20, 21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then said Pilate I find no fault in this man.—Luke 23. 4.

LESSON STORY.

You remember how after Judas' betrayal of Jesus with a kiss in the garden of Gethsemane his enemies bound him with chains and hurried him off to the high priests. And by Caiaphas he was found "guilty of death." Of course this was an urgent sentence based on hate. To make it lawful to kill him it was necessary to have the Roman Governor to condemn him also, so he was brought before Pilate. He tried to give Jesus a fair trial and admitted that he could find no fault with him and that he did not merit death. He said he would scourge and release him.

However, as his enemies were bent on his death they cried to have the wicked Barabbas released and Jesus killed in his stead. So the weak governor gave in to the will of the people and the meek and patient Saviour was given into their hands to be cruelly and unfairly put to death.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who was Pilate? The Roman governor.

2. Why was Jesus brought to him? For trial.

3. What did Pilate say? He found no fault with him.

4. What did he offer to do? Scourge or whip Jesus and send him away.

5. What did the people want? They wanted him killed.

6. Who did they cry to have released? Barabbas.

7. Did Pilate give in to their wicked wishes? Yes.

JENNY'S FUNNY SCRAPES.

Jennie Stanton liked hunting for hen's nests in all the nooks and crannies within climbing distance. One particular quest of hers ended in a ludicrous plight.

In her father's barn was a trap-door; beneath the barn was the stable, and under the trap-door the cow was tied.

Our little girl was skipping along, never noticing the door had been left up, when down she fell, right on to the cow's neck! The cow jumped, and kicked, and Jennie screamed, but held on to the bossie's horns, until her mother ran and took her away, a very frightened little girl.

She was not hurt, but was very careful after that when she went into the barn.

Last summer she was visiting on a farm, where there were nine little pigs. They had a large lot to run in, but by some way crawled through the wall and went into the swamp. Jennie, with a friend, went out for barberries. They were picking busily when all at once those nine pigs started up from the nest of leaves where they had been asleep. One squealed, and the others joined in the chorus. Jennie added her voice and tried to run, but she was too frightened to realize the cause of the sudden noise; when lo! she found herself stretched on the ground. She had fallen over a stump, her barberries were scattered, and the pigs making the air ring with their retreating cries. She saw them all running away, and then it was time to laugh at how the pigs frightened her.



"Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone;  
Dare to have a purpose strong,  
Dare to make it known."

ONE THING LACKING.

I can make round O's and crooked S's  
Most as good as grown-up Bessie's,  
I can make my P's and my curly Q's  
And as many big A's as ever I choose,  
I can count my numbers ever so far,  
And say, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star."

Oh! I can do everything in this world  
'Cept stand still when my hair is curled.

Would you like to go to see a little Chinese girl in her home? Then let us take a boat, and row out on the river to something that looks like an island. As we get nearer we find it isn't an island, but a large flat boat, or raft, and the small house the little girl lives in is built away on one end of it. The rest of the boat is made into a yard by having a basket-work fence round it, and in the yard are many ducks. Early each morning the gate is opened, and the ducks crowd out, and over the edge of the boat into the water to take a bath and get their breakfast of bugs and small fish. How would you like to live out on the water in this way, with just ducks for playmates?