

MOTHER'S DARLING.

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SUNNY head alight with curls,
Rosebud mouth with rows of pearls,
Eyes that rival violets' hue,
Clear and bright as heaven's blue—
That's mother's darling.

Rounded chin where dimples hide,
Cheeks that shame the roses' pride,
Little face all bright with smiles,
Laughter that all hearts beguiles—
That's mother's darling.

Little hands that ne'er are quiet,
Curls where sunbeams run wild riot,
Little tongue in motion ever,
Chattering on and tiring never—
That's mother's darling.

Little soul to lead to God,
Feet to guide in duty's road,
Little hearts to love his will,
Little duties to fulfil—
That's mother's darling.

May her life be sunshine ever,
Shadowed o'er by sorrow never,
May she rest in Jesus' love
Till she sings his praise above—
Bless mother's darling.

SENDING LOVE.

THE little Indian girls in some of the northern tribes of America have a pretty custom.

When a little friend dies the children set snares and catch birds.

A little girl, holding the pretty bird tenderly in her hand, will talk to it in this way:

"O, little bird, our dear Laughing Eyes has gone away at the call of the Great Spirit. She can no longer see our faces or hear our voices. We are sad and lonely without her, and we want you to fly away and tell her that we love her, and our hearts are sad because she has gone. Go, dear little bird, and bear our message to Laughing Eyes." And then they set the bird free, and it flies away.

It is very sweet to send love, but it is even sweeter to give it. While our dear friends are still with us, while they can look into our eyes, and hear our words of love, let us speak them freely. Some day mother, sister, brother, all will be gone beyond our reach. Let us speak the tender, thoughtful, loving word while we may!

I HAVE seldom known any one who deserted truth in trifles who could be trusted in matters of importance.—*Paley.*

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1728.] LESSON I. [April 3.

JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT.

*Gen. 37. 23-30.**Commit to memory vs. 26-28.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy. Gen. 39. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. A Brother.
2. A Bondman.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who was Jacob's favourite son? Joseph the child of Rachel.

Why did Jacob love him best? Because he was good.

How did he honour him above the others? He gave him a costly robe of bright colours.

How did his brothers feel toward him? They hated him.

What did Jacob command Joseph to do? To go and bring him word of the safety of his brothers.

Where were his brothers? Miles away, tending their flocks.

What did they plan to do when they saw Joseph coming? To kill him.

How did they treat him when he came near? Took off his rich robe, and cast him into a pit.

What did they finally do with him? They sold him as a slave to the Ishmaelites.

What did they do with his coat of many colours? They covered it with blood.

To whom did they bring it? To Jacob.

How was Jacob deceived by it? He thought Joseph had been eaten by wild beasts.

How did he mourn for him? As one who would not be comforted.

Who was with Joseph? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Do the fine clothes, or books, or toys of your playmates ever make you envious?

Who dwells in an envious, hateful heart?

Will there be any proud or envious people in heaven?

"Love envieth not."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The power of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Will he call us to account for all we think and do? At the last day God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

B.C. 1715.] LESSON II. [April 10]

JOSEPH EXALTED.

*Gen. 41. 38-48.**Commit to memory vs. 38-40*

GOLDEN TEXT.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass. Psa. 37. 5.

OUTLINE.

1. The Counsellor.
2. The Ruler.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

How did God sometimes reveal his will to men before Jesus came? By dreams and visions.

Who was troubled with a strange dream? Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

For whom did he send to interpret it? For Joseph.

What did Joseph tell him? That there should be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine in the land.

What did he advise Pharaoh to do? To store away part of the grain during the seven years of plenty.

For what reason? So as to have grain for the seven years of famine.

What did Pharaoh say unto Joseph? "There is none so wise as thou art."

Why was Joseph wiser than all the wise men of Egypt? Because he was taught of God.

How did Pharaoh exalt Joseph? He made him ruler over all the land.

Who only was greater? The king himself.

Who was the real giver of Joseph's riches and honours? The Lord.

Why did God bless and honour Joseph? Because he trusted and obeyed him.

Whom will he always bless? Those who love and serve him. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Remember—

That Joseph obeyed God when tempted to sin against him.

That Joseph trusted God in time of trouble.

That Joseph honoured God before an idolatrous king. Therefore God blessed and honoured Joseph.

"Them that honour me I will honour."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The providence of God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Does God love you? Yes, God loves everything which he has made.