

"Oh! I think that's a great deal nicer way," said Edith; "don't you, Frank?"

The mother bird came flying close to their heads just then, chirping dolefully. Frank was not a cruel boy, and he felt sorry for the bird. "I'll just take one, then," he said, and so he stood very carefully on tiptoe, and all the children watched him as he pulled down the branches, and took out one of the pretty speckled eggs. Then they went away and left the bush, and the mother bird came back again.

Frank took a pin, and began to make a hole in one end of the egg. Then, when that was done, he went to work to make another hole in the other end. But he had never done any such work before, and all of a sudden, as he was pushing the pin point against the shell, the egg broke all to pieces.

"There! it's all spoiled!" said Frank.

"Oh! what a pity!" said Edith.

But little Nellie spoke up again. "I think the birds can take better care of their eggs than boys can," she said. "I'm glad you left the other egg, anyway."

"I'm sorry I took this one," said Frank honestly. Now, when the children find a nest, they leave the eggs alone.

## LESSON NOTES.

### FOURTH QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED  
IN THE GOSPELS.

LESSON XI.—DECEMBER 16.

Matt. 28. 1-15. Memory verses, 5, 6.

JESUS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He is risen as he said.—Matt. 28. 6.

LESSON STORY.

Oh! blessed thought that Jesus conquered death. That his body did not stay in the dark grave but came forth beautiful and radiant. Because his body came forth so shall ours some day, and, like him, we shall then go to live forever with our Heavenly Father. It must have been a great surprise to the women who came early that Sunday morning—the first Easter morn—to the tomb of their Lord. They were frightened at first, for the glad Easter news had not a meaning for them just then. But as soon as they knew they ran to tell the disciples, and when they beheld their risen Lord their joy knew no bounds.

There were some hearts though that were not glad at the news—they who had killed him from cruel hate. They were sore distressed and were afraid to have the news go abroad. It would prove that Jesus was all he said he was. So these evil men bribed the guar-

dians of the tomb to say that his disciples had stolen his body at night. But their wicked he did not help the news from spreading that the crucified Jesus had indeed risen from the grave.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. When was Jesus crucified? On Friday.
2. When was his tomb found empty? The next Sunday.
3. Who came early to his grave? The three Marys.
4. Whom found they there? An angel.
5. What did the angel say? Fear not, the Lord is risen.
6. What did they do? Ran to tell the disciples.
7. Whom did they then see? The Saviour himself.
8. What did they then do? Bowed down and worshipped him.
9. What did the wicked elders and high priests do? Bribed the soldiers to say Christ's body had been stolen.

LESSON —II.—DECEMBER 23.

Luke 24. 36-53. Memory verses, 46-48.  
JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.

GOLDEN TEXT.

While he blessed them he was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven.—Luke 24. 51.

LESSON STORY.

Forty days passed from the time of Christ's coming forth from the grave until his ascending into heaven. During that time he was busy doing good work. Some of his disciples had seen him and believed him to be the same Jesus, but others of them doubted. One day he appeared to them with the greeting, "Peace." At first they were full of fear and thought he was a spirit. To prove to them that he was not he ate some fish, and told them to Galley 13. Happy Days look and see if he was not flesh and bones. And to Thomas who doubted he said to put his hands in the wound prints.

Then he showed them how the Scriptures said all this should happen. He told them they were to be witnesses to all the world, and that they were to stay in Jerusalem until power from on high was given them. Then he led them a little way and raised his hand to bless them, and as he did so he ascended out of their sight.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. How many days was Christ on the earth from his Resurrection to ascension? Forty days.
2. Did he appear to his disciples? Yes.
3. Did all believe it was he? No.
4. To make the doubting believe what did he do? Eat fish and told them to feel his wounds.
5. What did he say to them? That they must tell the world of his Resurrection.
6. What did he then do? Blessed them.

## EVERY LITTLE TELLS.

"Only a drop in the bucket,  
But every drop will tell;  
The bucket would soon be empty  
Without the drops in the well.  
Only a poor little penny,  
It was all I had to give;  
But as pennies make the dollars,  
It may help some cause to live."

## A GRANDMOTHER'S RULES.

Somebody's grandmother has bequeathed to her descendants these admirable rules of conduct:

Always look at the person to whom you speak. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget this.

Speak your words plainly; do not mutter or mumble. If words are worth saying, they are worth pronouncing distinctly and clearly.

Do not say disagreeable things. If you have nothing pleasant to say keep silent.

Think three times before you speak once.

Have you something to do that you find hard and would prefer not to do? Do the hard thing first and get it over. If you have done wrong go and confess it. If your lesson is tough, master it. If the garden is to be weeded, weed it first and play afterwards. Do first the thing you don't like to do, and then, with a clear conscience, try the rest.

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given;  
So God imparts to human beings  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell,  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.