

THE SONG IN THE NIGHT.

A LITTLE bird sang in the dead of the night
When the moon peeped out through a
cloud;

He sang, for his heart was so full of delight
It seemed almost throbbing aloud.

"Hush! hush!" cried the old birds; "you
foolish young thing,

To wake up and sing for the moon!
Come, tuck your silly head under your
wing;

You'll rouse our good neighbours too
soon."

But the little bird flew to the top of the
tree,

And looked up into the sky.
"Our time for singing is short," quoth he,
"And sing in the night will I."

HOW MOLLIE HELPED.

THERE was once a very bright-spirited,
dear little girl, whose hard-working invalid
father was taken suddenly away from his
little family, leaving the whole burden of
their support on the mother. A kind lady
questioned this child, about six years old,
as to how they got along.

"O," said little Mollie, "mother and I do
all the work now, and we do it first-rate."

"But what can you do to help, with such
little hands as those?" asked the lady.

Mollie held up her plump little hands,
and turning them over and over again,
said: "O! I can do lots and lots. I set the
table, and wash the dishes, and shake up
the cradle-pillow, and blow the whistle for
the baby. Sometimes mamma gets tired
washing, and cries. Then I hold baby up
before her, and she always laughs and takes
him; and that rests her, you see."

PLAY.

PLAY is a good thing in its place. We
love to see children play and enjoy them-
selves—and grown up people too—by way
of change and recreation from more serious
duties. The way people play also shows
character. If one is fair, truthful, honest,
and good tempered in play, he is likely to
be the same in other things, and so the re-
verse. Good, earnest play has its tempta-
tions and dangers, as well as other things,
and our young friends have need to be
cautioned against yielding to them. To be
cheating, mean, and full of ill temper when
beaten, or ugly when other things do not go
as desired, is very improper. Disputes and
quarrels may easily arise, and of these every
one should beware. Play, but always play
fair; keep in good temper, avoid wrangling
and disputes, and play will be a good and
healthful thing.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW.

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SOLEMN WARNINGS.

Mat. 7. 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 14. 1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good
fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
Matt. 7. 19.

OUTLINE.

1. The False.
2. The True.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Why does Jesus tell us to enter in at the
strait gate? Because it leads us to
heaven.

Why does he warn us away from the
wide gate? Because it leads to hell.

Which is the easiest way to walk in?
The broad way.

Which is the best way? The narrow way.
Who will always walk there with us?
Jesus.

How do we know all who are walking in
the narrow way? By their good lives.

What does a good tree always bear?
Good fruit.

What does a good life always bear?
Good words and deeds.

Whom only does Christ acknowledge as
his own? Those who do his will.

To what does he compare all who are
disobedient to him? To a rotten tree.

What shall become of it? (Repeat the
GOLDEN TEXT.)

Whom does Jesus call wise? All who
keep his sayings.

Why are they wise? They build their
hopes upon the sure promises of God.

Who are foolish? Those who put their
trust in the promises of the world.

To what does Jesus compare the world
and its promises? To shifting sand.

What are the promises of God? Firmer
than the everlasting rock.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Life is full of storms and tempests, where
are you building your refuge?

Upon the Rock Christ Jesus?
Or upon the shifting sand of the world?

"Who is a rock, save our God?"
DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The danger of
neglect.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What is the state of those who do not
forsake their sins and believe in Jesus
Christ? The wrath of God abideth on
them.

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TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Mat. 11. 8. 11.

Commit to memory vs. 11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed yourselves, lest at any time your
hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and
drunkenness. Luke 21. 34.

OUTLINE.

1. The Law of Love.
2. The Law of Life.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What must we give to every man? All
that is due him of honour and respect.

What must we always owe every one?
The debt of love.

How can we pay our debt of love to the
drunkard? By refusing to touch the liquor
that is hurting him.

Why do we owe love to everybody?
Because Christ first loved us.

What does he tell us? "Freely ye have
received, freely give."

What will we be able to do if we love
one another? Keep the whole law.

Why does love fulfil the law? Because
it worketh no evil.

From what must we awake? From the
sleep of indifference to eternal things.

For what reason? The day of Jesus and
his salvation is come.

What must we cast off? The works of
sin.

What must we put on? The Lord Jesus
Christ.

What is it to put on the Lord Jesus
Christ? To try and be like him, good,
patient, and loving.

Who will help us? Jesus himself.
What is one of the works of sin?
Rioting and drunkenness.

How can we cast it far from us? By
refusing to taste or touch wine or strong
drink.

When are we safe from the power of wine
and strong drink? When we are filled
with the Spirit of Christ. (Repeat the
GOLDEN TEXT.)

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The Spirit of Christ will bring you joy,
peace, faith, and love.

It will give you health, friends, prosperity,
heaven.

The spirit of wine will bring you bitter
shame and sorrow, care and pain.

It will take away from you your home,
your money, your friends, your good name,
your heavenly mansion.

Which will you choose?
"Wine is the poison of dragons, and the
cruel venom of asps."