

## The Little Boy who Died of Sunstroke.

**T**HERE was a rich lady, who was called Shunammite, because she lived in a village named Shunem. She was very kind to one of the Lord's prophets, Elisha, and built a room on her house, where he could stay, as he went preaching among the people. Because of her kindness to the prophet, God gave her a little boy, whom she loved very much, for she was old, and had no other children.

One day, in summer, her boy was in the harvest field, when suddenly he cried: "O my head! my head!" They took him to his mother, and she held him until noon on her lap. Then he died, for he had been sun-struck.

The mother took up his little dead body, and laid it on Elisha's bed. Then she went out to her husband

and did not tell him that the boy was dead. She said: "I want to go at once to the man of God, and then come again. Let me have one of the young men and one of the asses;" for in that country the people rode not on horses, but on asses.

So she rode as fast as she could to Elisha. When she came near, he saw that she was in trouble, but God had not told him what it was. She fell down at his feet, and said:—

"Did I ask to have the child given me? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?"

Then Elisha knew, and he said to his servant, whose name was Gehazi, "Go and lay my staff on the face of the child. Do not stop to speak to any one on the way, but go as fast as you can."

The mother said: "O, you must come, too! As sure as the Lord lives, I will not leave you!" So Elisha went to the house. When he came to the door, his servant, Gehazi, met him, and said: "The child is not awaked."

Elisha went into the room, and saw the dead boy lying on his own bed. He shut the door, and knelt down, and prayed to the Lord.

Then he placed his face over the child's face, and his hands upon the child's hands; and, as he pressed against the dead body, its flesh became warm. At last the child sneezed, and opened its eyes.

Then he called in his mother, and said: "Take up your son." She looked, and her boy was alive!

How happy was that good mother, as she took her boy into her arms once more!

So, dear children, from this Bible story you learn that God takes notice of kind acts done to his people. By being kind to Elisha she received a blessing from God. Remember, also, what God says in the Bible, "That a cup of cold water gave in His name shall be rewarded."

## God's Word to Children.

**H**ONOR thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee: that thy days may be prolonged and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Deut. v. 16.

My son, bear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.—Prov. i. 8, 9.

A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.—Prov. x. 1.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.—Prov. vi. 20.

Hearken unto thy father that be-

gat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.—Prov. xxiii. 22.

For God commanded saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.—Matt. xv. 4.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.—Eph. vi. 1.

Children obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.—Col. iii. 20.

## Treasures or Toys.

**A**LADY asked some children who were amusing themselves with toys, "Are these your treasures, dears?" "No, ma'am," was the wise reply; "these are our playthings; our treasures are in heaven."

