

SING A SONG OF PENNIES.

Sing a song of pennies—
Did you hear them fall?
In the little mite-box,
Shining ones and all?
When the box was opened
They all began to sing:
"Let us carry far and wide
A message from the King."

Many heathen children
Need a helping hand;
Dusky little brothers
In a foreign land.
Long have they been waiting
A message from above.
All the pennies help to tell
The story full of love.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM
ELIJAH TO ISAIAH.

LESSON VI.—NOVEMBER 5.

ESTHER PLEADING FOR THE PEOPLE.

Esth. 4. 10 to 5. 3. Memorize verses
13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord preserveth all them that love
him.—Psa. 145. 20.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was Esther? By whom had she
been brought up? By her uncle, Mor-
decai. What was the name of the king
of Persia? Who was his prime minister?
What kind of a man was Haman? A
selfish, wicked man. What did he lay a
plot to do? To have all the Jews in his
country killed. Why did he do this?
Because Mordecai would not bow down to
him and honor him. What did Mordecai
beg Esther to do? Why was it not safe
for her to go to the king? What did
Mordecai tell her? What did Esther ask
all the Jews to do? What did she and her
maidens do? What does this show? That
she believed in God's love and care. When
she came to the king what did he hold out
to her? What did he say?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Learn how the king of Persia
looked upon Esther. Esth. 2.
8, 9, 17.
Tues. Find who Mordecai was. Esth.
2. 5-7.
Wed. See what Mordecai charged Esther.
Esth. 2. 10, 11, 20.
Thur. Read the lesson verses. Esth. 4.
10 to 5. 3.
Fri. Find why Esther feared to go to
the king. Esth. 4. 11.
Sat. Learn how she dared to go. Esth.
4. 16.

Sun. Learn the promise of the Golden
Text.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—
1. Selfishness and sin are hateful in
God's sight.
2. He loves to help those who look to
him.
3. We have a great King who will
never forsake us.

LESSON VII.—NOVEMBER 12.

EZRA'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM.
Ezra. 8. 21-32. Memorize verses 21-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The hand of our God is upon all them
for good that seek him.—Ezra. 8. 22.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was Ezra? Why was he still in
Persia? He did not return with the
others to Jerusalem. Why did he want
to go there now? He thought the people
needed to be taught the law of the Lord.
Who was the king of Persia? How did
he help Ezra? He gave him gold and
silver and vessels for the temple and told
him to take all his friends with him.
Through what kind of a country did Ezra
have to pass? Why did he fear robbers?
What might he have asked of the king?
A guard of soldiers. Why did he not do
this? Because he had a strong protector.
What did he call the people to hold? For
what did they pray? For a safe journey.
Did they get to Jerusalem in safety?
Why?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses from your
Bible. Ezra 8. 21-32.
Tues. Read about another fast. 2 Chron.
20. 23-29.
Wed. Learn how we may be sure of
God's help. Golden Text.
Thur. Find out why we may ask God's
help. Psa. 34. 15-17.
Fri. Learn what comes of praying.
Psa. 66. 19, 20.
Sat. See how Ezra felt about the king's
kindness. Ezra 7. 27, 28.
Sun. Learn who is our refuge. Psa. 46.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—
1. We have a great King.
2. He is stronger than any earthly
king.
3. He helps those who look to him for
help.

THE BEST GOD COULD DO.

It had been a sad, hard winter for Mrs.
Throp and little Benny. Whooping-cough
and bronchitis had seized the little fellow
like two cruel jailers, and held on to him
all winter. These jailers would not let
him rest by day, they would not let him
sleep at night; they would not let him eat
his breakfast in peace; they often made

him lose his dinner; they shook him,
they racked him, they made him sad and
tired; oh, it was a hard time for Benny,
and a harder time for Benny's mother.

One day a postman, in a big overcoat,
with a cape to it, came pounding at their
little front door, and left a letter for
"Mrs. Amelia Throp, No. 9 East Front
Street." What do you suppose that letter
held? Bushels and bushels of sunshine,
white and yellow daisies, butterflies and
birds!

How could one little letter carry so
much? Why, there was money in it; from
Cousin James, to bring mother and Benny
down to Georgia, where spring-time had
come already, though we were walking on
snow and ice.

When Cousin Susie first carried Benny
in her strong young arms, out to the
sunny Georgia fields, and he felt the sweet,
soft air, heard the mocking-bird singing
like a choir, and saw the yellow jessamine
running mad over everything, he laughed
aloud with delight, then, drawing his thin,
white little face into soberness, "Cousin
Susie," he said, "I don't believe God can
make any place prettier than this, do
you?"

But Benny will know some day, when
his time comes to cross the river of death,
that God has made our heavenly home
more sweet and beautiful than we can ever
think or imagine here.

PARTNERS.

A sturdy little figure it was trudging
bravely by with a pail of water. So many
times had it passed our gate that morning
that curiosity prompted us to further
acquaintance.

"You are a busy little girl to-day."
"Yes'm."

The round face under the broad hat
was turned toward us. It was freckled,
flushed, and perspiring, but cheery withal.

"Yes'm; it takes a heap of water to do
a washing."

"Do you bring it all from the brook
down here?"

"O, we have it in the cistern mostly,
only it's been such a dry time lately."

"Is there nobody else to carry the
water?"

"Nobody but mother, an' she is
washin'."

"Well, you are a good girl to help her."

It was not a well-considered com-
pliment, and the little water-carrier did
not consider it one at all; but there was
a look of surprise in her gray eyes, and an
almost indignant tone in her voice, as she
answered: "Why, of course I help her.
I always help her all the time; she hasn't
anybody else. Mother'n me's partners."

Little girls, are you and mother part-
ners? Do you help her all you can?

The only way to flee from God's wrath
is to flee to him.