

WHAT A BOY CAN DO.

THESE are some of the things that a boy can do:

He can whistle so loud the air turns blue;
He can make all sounds of beast and bird,
And a thousand noises never heard.

He can crow or cackle, or he can cluck
As well a rooster, hen or duck;
He can bark like a dog, he can low like a
cow,
And a cat itself can't beat his "me-o-r."

He has sounds that are ruffled, striped and
plain;
He can thunder by as a railway train,
Stop at the stations a breath, and then
Apply the steam and be off again.

He has all his powers in such command
He can turn right into a full brass band,
With all of the instruments ever played,
As he makes of himself a street parade.

You can tell that a boy is very ill
If he's wide awake and keeping still;
But earth would be—God bless their
noise!—
A dull old place if there were no boys.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM.

Gen. 17. 1-9. Memory verses, 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He believed in the Lord; and he counted
it to him for righteousness.—Gen. 15. 6

OUTLINE.

1. A New Covenant, v. 1, 2
2. A New Name, v. 3-5.
3. A New Promise, v. 6-9.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read about Abram's kindness to
Lot. Gen. 13. 5-12.

Tues. Read the story of God's covenant
with Abram. Gen. 15. 1-6.

Wed. Read the lesson very thoughtfully.

Thur. Learn the Golden Text.

Fri. Learn about the heavenly Canaan.
Heb. 11. 16.

Sat. Tell some one all you have learned
about Abram.

Sun. Learn how Abraham's blessing
comes to us. Gal. 3. 14.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where was Abram now living? In
what city did he live? Where was Heb-
ron?

How old was Abram when the Lord
came to him? What did the Lord first
say? What did Abram do? How did

God tell Abram to walk? What did he
mean? What did he say he would make
with Abram? To what did he change his
name? What does the new name mean?

What did God say should spring from
Abram? What was given to him for a
possession? What had Abraham to give
in return? Why was Abraham so blessed
by God? Because he believed God.

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That I may be blessed, as Abraham was.
Gal. 3. 9.

That faith makes me God's dear child.
Gal. 3. 26.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS

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

What has God made? God made every-
thing in heaven and earth, and, last of all,
he made man.

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GOD'S JUDGMENT ON SODOM

Gen. 18. 22-23. Memory verses, 23-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Shall not the judge of all the earth do
right?—Gen. 18. 25.

OUTLINE.

1. Prayer, v. 22-26.
2. Persistence, v. 27-33.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read the story of the angel's visit.
Gen. 18. 1-8.

Tues. Learn why the Lord told Abra-
ham what he would do. Gen. 18. 17-19.

Wed. Learn why Sodom was not a safe
place to live in. Gen. 13. 13.

Thur. Read lesson verses slowly and
thoughtfully.

Fri. Find why the Lord spared Sodom.
James 5. 16.

Sat. See if you can tell some one ten
things about Abraham.

Sun. Learn who may pray. Psa. 65. 2.

DO YOU KNOW—

Who loved God truly? What did this
cause him to do? Who came to Abra-
ham's tent door one day? How did he
treat the strangers? What did they tell
him?

What did Abraham know? What did
he fear? Who lived in wicked Sodom?
What could Abraham do to help? What
did he ask the Lord to do? For whose
sake did the Lord say he would spare the
city? What did Abraham fear? What
did the Lord at last promise? Was
Abraham's prayer a selfish one? Whose
prayers will the Lord hear and answer?
The prayers of the righteous.

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That Jesus is my advocate with God. 1
John 2. 1.

That if I love God I will love others. 1
John 4. 21.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How did God make man? God made
the body of man out of the dust of the
earth.

Did his soul come from the dust? No,
for the Lord God breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life, and man became a liv-
ing soul.

WISE WILLIS.

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"WHERE'S DAN?"

"Where?" sure enough! A question
more easily asked than answered, for the
faithful beast had been left in the pasture
over night. But who ever knew Willis to
hesitate over a difficulty?

"I'll find him, papa, in a jiffy." And he
was off, as usual, with Eunice at his side,
and Dot coming up behind.

But it was much more than a "jiffy"
before Dan was found, and then there was
shouting and laughter; and then dismay;
for there was the enterprising beast, with
head and tail erect, daintily but slowly
picking his way over the railway bridge.

"And the train is almost due!" ex-
claimed Eunice.

"And if we hurry Dan, he'll get into the
river!" said Willis. "I'll tell you! I've
got some matches, and we'll build a fire!
Help me, girls! Quick, now!"

Quickly, indeed, was it done; and not
satisfied with that, Willis, with his jacket
on a pole, and Eunice and Dot with some-
thing else, marched bravely toward the
coming train.

When the engineer saw the smoke and
the fire, and then the little company with
their signals flying proudly in the air,
he was perplexed, but putting on his air
brakes, he soon had his train at a stand-
still, and on inquiring what it all meant,
Willis told him. They received the thanks
of the engineer for what they had done,
for besides saving the beast they probably
had prevented serious accident to the pas-
sengers on the train.

The mother was proud of her children,
though she trembled a bit at their story.
And Dan? He would have thanked them,
if he could.

JESUS WHISPERING.

"WHAT is conscience?" said a Sunday-
school teacher, one day, to the little flock
that gathered around to learn the words of
life.

Several of the children answered—some
saying one thing, and another, another,—
until a little timid child spoke out,—

"It is Jesus whispering in our hearts."

Does Jesus whisper in your heart?
When you do right, does he approve?
When you do wrong, does he rebuke?
Does he make your heart sad when you
have sinned, and happy when you have
done rightly? Be thankful, then, for this;
and remember always to heed the Saviour's
whisper, and then you will, be safely
guided to his heavenly home at last.