

The king also put on sackcloth, and he caused a message to be sent far and wide all over the great city. "Let no man eat any food. Let all fast and think of their sins and repent. Let everyone make up his mind to begin to do right." And the people did make up their minds to try with all their might.

God saw, and he forgave the people of Nineveh. He gave them another chance to be his loving, obedient people.

God is always so glad to have his children make up their minds to do better and come to him and say so. He is our Father and he is always ready to forgive.

Thou that once on mother's knee  
Wert a little one like me,

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Be beside me in the light,  
Close beside me all the night;  
Make me gentle, kind, and true,  
Do what mother bids me do;  
Help and cheer me when I fret,  
And forgive when I forget.

—Francis Turner Palgrave.



#### TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven."

—Psalm 32:1.

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

—Mark 1:15.