

go on fighting for your city, and your wives and your little ones."

Every day the walls grew higher and higher. Everybody mended the holes nearest his own house, but they had to build with one hand, for in the other was a sword or spear to fight with. They worked very

hard from sunrise until the stars came out, and they slept close to their work, so that no harm could come to it in the night.

At last the wall was finished and, when the heathen saw it, they were much ashamed, for they knew that God was with His people and had answered their prayers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Nehemiah do after he had prayed to God? Ans.—He told the King.
2. What did the king do? Ans.—He gave Nehemiah leave to go to Jerusalem and begin to mend the wall and build the city.
3. Who tried to stop the work? Ans.—Two heathen princes.
4. Which won? Ans.—Nehemiah and the Jews.
5. Why? Ans.—Because God was with them.
6. How did

they work? Ans.—With a sword in one hand and a tool in the other.
7. Did they take any holidays? Ans.—No; they worked all day and watched all night.
8. Was it easy? Ans.—No. The people were often ready to give up.
9. Who cheered them on? Ans.—Nehemiah.
10. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Watch and pray."

Katy's Prayer

"Oh, please mend the necklace," prayed poor little Katy on her knees by the sofa. Then she opened her eyes and looked round to see if the chain was mended. No; the gold beads lay scattered over the floor just where the string broke, and she prayed again and again. She looked round, but the necklace was broken as before.

Then the poor little girl prayed once more, "Oh, please mend it! If You don't mother will know I have been in her drawer again, after she told me not to. Please make it whole. Amen." Again she looked. But it was broken as before.

At that moment Katy's mother came into the room. "What ails my little girl?" she said. "Why, Katy, how did the necklace

come here?" "But I prayed about it," said Katy, sobbing. "I prayed three times. Why didn't God mend it? You said He would answer prayers."

"My dear child," said her mother, "we cannot expect God to do what we can do for ourselves, nor to cover up our wicked acts when we do wrong. Come, bring the work-basket, and while I thread this needle get down and pick up every bead off the carpet." When Katy had found them all she strung them on mother's thread, and though it took a very long time, the chain at last was almost as good as ever.

So Katy's prayer was answered, and she saw how naughty she had been to disobey her mother.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should Watch and Pray

Golden Text.—Watch and pray.—Matt. 26 : 41.

Catechism—57. What did the Holy Spirit do on the day of Pentecost? On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit led a great many people to see that they were sinners and to trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Lesson Hymn

FIERCE may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can overthrow.
Round His standard ranging,
Victory is secure;
For His truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.

Amen.

—Hymn 254, Book of Praise.