

## NOBODY.

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"Nobody broke it! It cracked itself,  
It was clear away on the topmost shelf.  
—p'raps the kitty-cat knows!"

Says poor little Ned,  
With his eyes as red  
As the heart of a damask rose.

"Nobody lost it! I carefully  
Put my cap just where it ought to be.  
(No, 'tisn't ahind the door.)

And went and hid,  
Why of course it did,  
For I've hunted an hour or more."

"Nobody tore it! You know things will  
Tear if you're sitting just stock-stone still!  
I was just jumping over the fence—  
There's some spikes on top,  
And you have to drop  
Before you half commence."

Nobody! Wicked Sir Nobody!  
Playing such tricks on my children three!  
If I but set eyes on you,  
You should find what you've lost!  
But that, to my cost,  
I never am like to do!

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED.  
IN THE GOSPELS.

## LESSON X.—SEPTEMBER 2.

BARTIMEUS AND ZACCHAEUS.

Luke 18. 35-19. 10. Mem. verses, 42, 43.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is come to seek and save  
that which was lost.—Luke 19. 10.

## LESSON STORY.

Let us learn the names and the stories  
of these two noted New Testament characters,  
Bartimeus and Zacchaeus.

Bartimeus was a poor blind man. It  
was his custom to sit by the roadside and  
beg. One day he heard unusual numbers  
passing and asked why it was. He was  
told that they were following Jesus. As  
soon as he knew this, he called out "Jesus,  
thou Son of David, have mercy on me."  
Then Jesus asked him what he would  
have. The poor blind man said, "O  
Lord, restore my sight." He had faith  
that Jesus could do it, so he received his  
sight.

Another example of faith is that of  
Zacchaeus. When he knew that Jesus was  
coming he climbed up into a tree, for he  
was short and was afraid he could not see.  
When Jesus saw him He knew he had  
faith. He told him to hurry down, for  
He wished to be his guest. Imagine the  
joy of this man, who knew he was a sinner,  
at the thought of having the Saviour

from sin stay in his home. That day did  
he indeed find salvation.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Bartimeus? A blind beggar.
2. Where did he sit? By the roadside.
3. What did he hear one day? Crowds passing.
4. Who was with them? Jesus.
5. What did the blind man cry? "Son of David, have mercy on me."
6. What did Jesus do? Restored his sight on account of his faith.
7. Where did Zacchaeus climb? Into a tree.
8. Why? To get sight of Jesus.
9. What did Jesus say to him? "Come down: I must abide in thy house to-day."
10. What did he receive that day? Salvation.

## LESSON XI.—SEPTEMBER 9.

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM.

Matt. 21. 1-17. Memory verses, 9-11.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of  
the Lord.—Matt. 21. 9.

## LESSON STORY.

I wonder if Happy Days readers know  
what Palm Sunday means. It is kept by  
some people in memory of the day when  
Jesus entered Jerusalem on donkey-back,  
and when the happy people and children  
spread palm branches before him. It was  
a triumphal entry, although in a humble  
way. There was no royal coach or body-  
guard of soldiers. Nevertheless the Sa-  
viour rode as King and was so greeted  
by the rejoicing people.

As soon as Jesus entered Jerusalem he  
went to the Temple and cast out the money-  
changers and those who would make a mar-  
ket-place of the house of God. Then the  
blind and the lame came in and Christ  
healed them.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Why do some people observe Palm Sunday? As the day that Christ entered Jerusalem in triumph.
2. On what did he ride? On a donkey.
3. What did the people do? Spread palm branches and sang joyfully.
4. Why were they so happy? Because they accepted Jesus as their King.
5. Where did Jesus go? To the Temple.
6. What did he do there? Put out those who were selling.
7. Why did he do this? Because it was the house of God.

I would sooner walk in the dark, and  
hold hard to a promise of my God, than  
trust in the light of the brightest day that  
ever dawned.—C. H. Spurgeon.

## A CHILD'S PRAYER.

I come to-night with loving thanks  
For father and for mother;  
But most of all, dear Lord, for him  
We call our Elder Brother.

I come to-night with loving thanks  
For those who are to me so kind,  
For pleasant schoolmates, happy days,  
For health and strength and mind.

I come to-night with loving thanks,  
Dear Lord; for I would show  
That gratitude within my heart  
Doth sweetly spring and grow.

## MARY THE HINDU CHRISTIAN.

When Mary was a little girl of six years  
old she was married to an old Brahman  
priest. When she was eleven she had to  
go and live with her cruel old husband as  
his wife. All her happy childish days  
were now over for ever. She was shut up  
in a big dark room with three other wives  
of the old Brahman, without books or toys  
or sewing.

One day a missionary lady came to the  
house and asked if she might teach this  
poor little girl to read. The old man said  
"You might as well try to teach my cow."

But in a few months he was astonished  
to hear little Mary read. All this time  
Mary was learning about Jesus and how  
he had died for her, and she told her hus-  
band she could not worship idols any more.

When the old Brahman heard that he  
took Mary and beat her cruelly, and sent  
the missionary away. But down in a dark  
corner Mary had hidden a Testament and  
a hymn-book, and every moment she could  
get she spent in reading them.

One day her husband found her with  
the Testament, and took it away and tore  
it up and then beat her again. But still  
Jesus kept his little lamb and said, "No  
one shall be able to snatch her out of my  
hand."

One day her husband found her hymn-  
book. In a rage he tore up the little girl's  
last treasure, and then dragged Mary to the  
fire and with red-hot iron burned away the  
palm of her hand. But even this was not  
enough. He gave her another cruel beat-  
ing and kicked her into the street half  
dead. The Lord Jesus sent one of his mis-  
sionaries along, and she was carried safely  
to the missionary's house, where she was  
loved and cared for.

Mary is now a happy Christian in a  
mission school, and to-day she is singing  
from her Bengali hymn-book, "I am so  
glad that Jesus loves me." She loves her  
Bible, she loves to pray, and she loves to  
work for Jesus, and every day she is grow-  
ing to be more like him.