

her name was Thom, her mama's name was Thornt, and her papa's name Thinkle. She said her home was 'right around the corner, down by the motion (ocean), where it is summer all the time and they don't have to have any things on, and they have, oh, such buful rooms, with flowers and little white kittens.' She said Gladys came to her house, so she thought she would come to see me a little while. She said she never was naughty, and asked, 'Is Gladys?' She helped make pies, and made one for Gladys, and then helped Gladys eat it. It was late in the afternoon before she announced that Gladys had come back."

Whether it is the same Gladys or not, the Editor of the Ladies' Home Journal is very wise in his remark upon this by no means uncommon case:

"Mothers often suffer as you do from misunderstanding their little children. The child lives in a great wonder-world. Experience has not yet enabled a little child to discriminate between imagination and reality. The better plan is to accept Gladys and her tales without comment and without surprise. Speak the literal truth to her, keep every promise, be candid in your own life, and have no fear lest imagination shall lead her astray. You know what Wordsworth says,

'Heaven lies about us in our infancy.'

"I never feel disturbed at the fancies and fairy tales of an imaginative child. Above all, do not inspire Gladys with fear or distrust by mistaken punishments for what you call lying. A child should not know that there is such a thing as a lie in the world."

These simple words will perhaps help many another puzzled mother; for no greater mistake can be made with a little child of this temperament and at this age than to accuse it of falsehood. The child's flights of imagination are no more falsehoods than are a poet's dreams.

THE BEST BOOK

There is a Book we love to read ;
It gives us help in all our need.
The Bible tells of Christ our Lord ;
The best of books is God's own Word.

THE LORD CARING FOR HIS PEOPLE

In the Lessons of this Quarter we are to follow the people of God in their journey across the wilderness. Their human leader was Moses and no nation ever had a greater chief. Mothers and teachers will earnestly seek to kindle in the hearts of the children admiration for the faithfulness of Moses, and also to awaken in them a desire to be faithful in their smaller duties, as he was in his greater ones.

But the Israelites had also a divine Leader on whom our eyes must be kept fixed. He is the great Figure in the history. In many wonderful ways, He made provision for the bodily and spiritual needs of the Israelites during their long and eventful march. Let us take, then, as the thought running through all the lessons of the Quarter—THE LORD CARING FOR HIS PEOPLE.

We see the Lord's care for His people:

Lesson 1. Providing them with bread from heaven—and so teaching them to trust Him for daily food.

2. Teaching them to love and serve Him—by giving them laws for His worship.

3. Teaching them to love one another—by showing how love will show itself in words and deeds.

4. Punishing them for worshipping an idol—and so teaching them that He alone is to be worshipped.

5. Showing them how to worship Him—by giving them a place and forms and leaders.

6. Warning them against intemperance—as unfitting men for His holy service.

7. Guiding them in their march—by His own presence in the pillar of fire and of cloud.

8. Encouraging them to overcome their enemies—through the brave Caleb and Joshua.

9. Healing them of their sickness—through faith in His word.

10. Promising to send them teachers—like Moses, of whose wisdom they had had proof.

11. Giving them wise counsels—from the lips of their dying lawgiver.

12. Appointing them great leaders—first Joshua and then Moses.