

GUESSING THE COLOUR OF BABY'S EYES.

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"Guess the colour of Baby's eyes /
Why, gray, or brown, or blue,
Please turn the face so I can see
If Baby looks like you."

"Of course she does, only b'utifuler,
Just as I oosed to do
When I was baby, 'fore I was big,—
Now don't oo wish oo know?"

"I'll guess again: her eyes are pink—
Albino eyes—but no,
Her hair is black, and 'bino hair
Is almost white as snow."

"No; oo tan't dess," said Jennie May,
Then turning, with a shout,
Her dolly for her friend to see,
She saw the eyes were out.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON III. [July 18.]

PAUL AT THESSALONICA AND BEREA.

Acts 17. 1-12. Memory verses, 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily.—Acts 17. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Gospel Preached, v. 1-4.
2. The Gospel Opposed, v. 5-9.
3. The Gospel Believed, v. 10-12.

THE LESSON STORY.

The morning after the earthquake the judges sent word to the jailer to let Paul and Silas go free. Perhaps the earthquake frightened them, for the heathen thought that an earthquake showed that the gods were angry. They went to Lydia's house, and found Timothy and Luke there. Then the other Christians in the town came, and when Paul and Silas had comforted them they went away. But Timothy and Luke stayed longer.

They went next to the largest city in Macedonia. A great general had named it after his wife—Thessalonica. It was a fine city, and there was a synagogue in which Paul and Silas preached. A few Jews believed, and many Gentiles gave up their idols and worshipped God. But soon some wicked Jews stirred up an uproar, and went to Jason's house, where Paul and Silas stayed, to seize them. But Jason hid them, and the mob seized him and his friends and took them to the judges. But the judges soon let them go.

That night Paul and Silas went away to Berea, about fifty miles from Thessalonica, where they preached on the Sabbath. The Jews in Berea searched the Scriptures to see if Paul told the truth about Jesus, and many of them believed, and also many Gentiles.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY

- Mon.* Read the lesson very carefully Acts 17. 1-12
Tues. Find whose example Paul followed. Luke 4. 16.
Wed. Learn why Paul was not afraid. Matt. 28. 18-20
Thur. Find how we should treat God's word. Golden Text.
Fri. Learn how our spirits may grow 1 Peter 2. 2.
Sat. Read from Paul's letter to Thessalonica. 1 Thess. 1.
Sun. Read more from the same letter. 1 Thess. 2.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

When did Paul and Silas come out of prison? Who set them free? To whose house did they go? Where did they go next? After whom was this city named? What did Paul and Silas do on the Sabbath? What did they teach the people? Who became believers? What did some wicked Jews do? What charge did they make against Paul and Silas? Verse 6. How did Paul and Silas escape? Where did they go? How did the Bereans show themselves noble? What came from earnest study of the Scriptures?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Do you read the Bible every day?
Do you read it to find the truth about Jesus?
If you do, God himself will be your teacher.

LESSON IV. [July 25.]

PAUL PREACHING IN ATHENS.

Acts 17. 22-34. Memory verses, 24-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—John 4. 24.

OUTLINE.

1. The Theme, v. 22, 23.
2. The Sermon, v. 24-31.
3. The Hearers, v. 32-34.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul went from Berea to Athens, a very grand city in Greece. There were very beautiful statues and temples in Athens, but the temples were for idol worship and the statues were the images of the false gods. There was a synagogue in which the true God was worshipped, and Paul went there on the Sabbath, and on week days he went to the market-place to speak about Jesus. The Athenians liked to hear about new things, and so they asked Paul

to preach on a high hill called "Mars' Hill," where the judges often held their courts. There was a temple to the god of war, Mars, on this hill, and there, on this same hill, Paul stood to speak of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He talked about the true God and the sin of worshipping idols. Then he said that God had sent Jesus to call all men to repent of their sins, and that the day would come when this same Jesus who had been crucified and who had risen from the dead would judge the world.

When they heard of the resurrection, some laughed, and some said they would hear Paul another day. But a few believed in Jesus, one was a judge, and another was a lady named Damaris.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read about Paul in Athens. Acts 17. 16-21.
Tues. Read the lesson verses. Acts 17. 22-34.
Wed. Learn how God is to be worshipped. Golden Text.
Thur. Learn how we may hope to understand God. Matt. 11. 25.
Fri. Learn a great truth about God. 1 Cor. 8. 6.
Sat. Find what Jesus said about repentance. Luke 24. 44-47.
Sun. Read of another who waited till another time. Acts 24. 25.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

Where did Paul go from Berea? What kind of a city was Athens? Why was Paul sad when he saw its fine temples and statues? Where did Paul preach in Athens? What kind of people were the Athenians? What did they ask Paul to do? Where did they take him to preach? What was Mars' Hill sometimes called? Areopagus. What temple was on Mars' Hill? What did Paul preach about? What did God send Jesus to do? By whom will the world be judged? What did some do when they heard Paul? What did others say? Did any believe in Jesus?

DO I BELIEVE.

That all I have comes from God?
That I could not live or move without him?
That he asks me for my heart now?

WHAT TRAVELLED OVER THE WATERS TO YOU.

Do you know that your sponge was an animal once? It was. It grew on the bottom of the sea.

While it was alive it was covered with a sort of jelly. It was a dark-red when first taken from the water. Then it was buried in sand till the jelly decayed, and afterwards it was washed and bleached until it was all clean. Then it was put on board a vessel with many other sponges and brought to this country. In this way it travelled over the waters to you.