

## The Baby Saved in the Basket.

**O**NE day, two Hebrew children were watching their mother, who was making a basket to hide baby in! Why? King Pharaoh had given orders to drown all the little boys who should be born. Perhaps the father asked God to keep it safe; then they gave the last kiss, and took the last look; and when she had fastened the lid, the poor mother silently carried it away to the river to hide it.

How is it that she could leave the ark among the rushes of the river? A soldier might find it; or a crocodile kill it. The mother had faith in God. He would take care of it.

The baby's sister Miriam is set to watch what becomes of him.

Some ladies come, and the king's daughter with them. They go near the little ark,—they see it,—and one of the ladies sends to fetch it, wondering what it can be.

The lid is unfastened; and inside they find the child alive. He opens his eyes, and begins to cry. The king's daughter loved that child; she saved his life; she wanted a nurse for it.

Miriam asks the princess to let her fetch a nurse; she fetched his mother.

The king's daughter called it her child; but it had no name, so she called it Moses, which means *drawn out*.

If you wish to know more about this little baby and what he did when he grew up to be a man, just read in your Bible commencing at the second chapter of Exodus.

## A Child's Prayer.

Preserve and purify my heart;  
Renew and cleanse in every part;  
And when 'tis pure, Lord, keep it too.  
Yea, that is more than I can do.

## The First False Step.

**I**T is the *first false step* that tells. You know that when you tumble down stairs. Oh, if you only had looked where you set your foot, you never would have had all that rolling and tumbling, beyond your control, until you found yourself at the bottom.

So it is with everything else in this world—with the man who falls into dissipated habits; with the woman who loses her self-respect and that of others; with a man who ends a respectable life with some deed that is dishonorable; with all who follow any courses that bring their penalty of shame, suffering, and death. It is the first little step that does all; and it may not seem

so very bad a step in itself—*only* a little wrong. It may be only a mistake, indeed, but the end comes all the same.

Let every boy and girl remember this. Just as it does not do to make a mis-step at the head of the stairs, so it will not do to make even a mistake in the beginning of life—especially a mistake of the sort that leads to vice—for it brings

one to the bottom at last.—*The Myrtle.*

## Spoiled Fruit.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v. 22, 33.

- The little fox "selfishness" will spoil the fruit "love."
- The little fox "discontent" will spoil the fruit "joy."
- The little fox "anxious thought" will spoil the fruit "peace."
- The little fox "impatience" will spoil the fruit "long-suffering."
- The little fox "a bitter word" will spoil the fruit "gentleness."
- The little fox "indolence" will spoil the fruit "goodness."
- The little fox "doubt" will spoil the fruit "faith."
- The little fox "pride" will spoil the fruit "meekness."
- The little fox "love of pleasure" will spoil the fruit "temperance."

