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JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BRETHREN.

OUR picture shows one of the most pathetic incidents in the story of Joseph. After his brethren had dipped his coat of many colours in the blood of a kid, to make their father think he was killed, they sold him to a company of travelling merchants going down into Egypt. How pitifully the poor boy stretches out his arms to his hard-hearted brethren, while one of them receives the money for which the lad was sold. Yet God intended this for good—the good of both Joseph and his brethren. The event is a type of the sale of our Lord into the hands of wicked men, and by his suffering on the cross salvation was purchased for all mankind. Get your fathers or mothers to read from the Bible or you the touching story of Joseph.

KEEPING HIS WORD.

"PLEASE buy some matches, sir," asked a poor, shivering, hungry boy, of a gentleman who was entering his own house. The man did not need the matches, but he felt so sorry for the boy, that he searched in his pockets for some change. He had nothing



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less than a silver half-dollar. "I'll bring you change, if you'll trust me," said the boy. The man laughed at that; but he felt so sorry for the boy, and the little brother and sister of whom he told, that he took ten

cents' worth of matches and handed him the half-dollar, saying to himself: "I'll never see the change from that."

But he was mistaken. Late that night a boy smaller than the one who sold the matches, came and brought the change. "Why, who are you?" the gentleman asked. "I'm Jack's brother. Jack fell and hurt his leg as he was going to get the change for you, and could not come back with it. So he sent me, so you would know he kept his word."

The gentleman was sorry he mis-judged him so, but he made up for it by seeing that he had every comfort while he was sick, and when he was well enough, he took him into his store, and is making a merchant of him. It is not only right to be honest, but it pays too, you see.

A KIND HEART.

ROSE has a kind heart, and loves to make others happy. One day she was told that she might carry a basket of

fruit to some poor children. Harry Lee met her and when he found where she was going, he said, "Why don't you keep it for yourself? Come, let's hide it, and every day we can get some and eat it." Ah, what a selfish heart Harry has!