

## MAMMA'S LITTLE COMFORT.

I know a little girlie  
With loving eyes so blue,  
And lips just made for smiling,  
And heart that's kind and true.  
She wears no dainty dresses,  
No jewels does she own,  
But the greatest of all treasures  
Is her little self alone.

Her name is "Mother's Comfort,"  
For all the livelong day  
Her busy little fingers  
Help mother's cares away.  
The sunshine loves to glisten  
And hide in her soft hair,  
And dimples chase each other  
About her cheeks so fair.

Oh, this darling little girlie  
With the diamonds in her eyes  
Makes in mother's heart a sunshine  
Brighter far than floods the skies.  
But the name that suits her better,  
And makes her glad eyes shine,  
Is the name of "Mother's Comfort"—  
This little treasure mine.

## ILLUMINATED BIBLES.

AN old man sat in his lonely room.  
What was he doing? It was hundreds of  
years ago, and he was writing a Bible, for  
in those days people had not learned to  
print books, and every book had to be made  
by hand with pen and ink. If you could  
have looked over that old man's shoulder  
you would have seen that he was not only  
writing the books, but he was making the  
page gay with bright-colored inks; some of  
the letters were beautifully traced with  
gold and silver; on some pages the pen was  
used to make very pretty margins and  
bright pictures. But your Bible, all in  
black and white, should be just as precious  
to you, because it is God's word.

## GOD COUNTS.

A BROTHER and a sister were playing in  
the dining-room, when their mother set a  
basket of cakes on the tea-table and went  
out.

"How nice they look!" said the boy,  
reaching to take one.

His sister earnestly objected, and even  
drew back his hand, repeating that it was  
against their mother's directions.

"She did not count them," said he.

"But perhaps God did," answered the  
sister.

"You are right," he replied; "God does  
count, for the Bible says that "the very  
hairs of your head are all numbered."

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

B.C. 1017.] LESSON VIII. [Aug. 24.]

## THE PLAGUE STAYED.

2 Sam. 24. 15-25. Commit to memory verses 24, 25.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

So the Lord was entreated for the land,  
and the plague was stayed from Israel.  
2 Sam. 24. 25.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Hand of Destruction, v. 15. 16.
2. The Voice of Supplication, v. 17.
3. The Altar unto the Lord, v. 18-25.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did God send upon Israel? A  
great plague.

How many people died of the plague?  
Seventy thousand.

Who stayed the hand of the destroying  
angel at Jerusalem? The Lord.

Where was the angel standing? By the  
threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite.

What is a threshing-place? A round  
plot of ground where corn is trodden out  
by oxen.

What did David say unto the Lord when  
he saw the angels? "I have sinned."

What did he ask of the Lord? To  
punish him, but spare his people. [Repeat  
GOLDEN TEXT.]

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build an altar unto the Lord.

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What did David do? He went up to  
Araunah to buy the threshing-floor.

Where was the threshing-floor? On  
Mount Moriah, north-east of Zion.

What did Araunah do? He offered to  
give the king the threshing-floor and every-  
thing else he wanted.

What did the king reply? "Nay, I will  
buy it off thee."

For what did David buy the threshing-  
floor and oxen? For fifty shekels of silver.

Why did David refuse Araunah's offer?  
He would not offer sacrifices to God that  
cost him nothing.

What did David offer upon the altar  
which he built? Burnt-offerings to stay  
the plague, and peace-offerings of thanks-  
giving when the plague ceased.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Little people sometimes forget—

That God sees all their acts.

That God knows all their thoughts.

That if they forget him he will let them  
suffer.

That if they disobey his commands he  
will not count them among his people.

"For this is the love of God that we  
keep his commandments."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Atonement for  
sin.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was the Virgin Mary? The mother  
of Jesus.

Who were the Jews? The children of  
Israel, whom God chose for his own people.

B.C. —.] LESSON IX. [Aug. 31.]

## GOD'S WORKS AND WORD.

Psa. 19. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 7-11.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou hast magnified thy word above all  
thy name. Psa. 138. 2.

## OUTLINE.

1. God in Nature, v. 1-6.
2. God in Grace, v. 7-14.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What declares the glory of God and  
shows the works of his hands? The  
heavens, or firmament.

What story do they tell throughout all  
the earth? The story of God's greatness  
and wisdom.

What did God make in the heavens? A  
tabernacle for the sun.

What does the sun give to the earth?  
Light and heat.

What is more perfect than God's works?  
God's law. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

What is God's law? Always right, pure,  
holy, and true.

What does God ask of us? Obedience  
to his law.

What is more to be desired than fine gold  
or sweetest honey? The judgments of God.

What do we gain by keeping God's law?  
A great reward.

From what does David ask to be made  
clean? From secret faults.

Who only can cleanse the heart and keep  
it pure? God.

When will our words and thoughts be  
acceptable in God's sight? When they  
come from a pure heart.

For what should we pray, like David?  
To be kept from deliberate sins.

Who is our Strength and our Redeemer?  
The Lord.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God's word is true.

God's word is just.

God's word is holy.

If you reject God's word, you reject God.  
"Turn thou to thy God"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—God the Cre-  
ator.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were the Gentiles? All nations  
beside the Jews.

Who was Caesar Augustus? The Emperor  
of Rome at the time when our Lord was  
born.