

**"TWO IS COMPANY."**

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MAY takes out her dollies each day to ride,  
Two sit in a coach, while one walks by her side.

The coach is a box that pulls with a string,  
And little May thinks it a very fine thing.

"There's only one thing that goes wrong,  
Aunt Jo:

But two can ride at one time, you know;  
For 'three is a crowd,' and so, you see,  
There's always a dolly to walk with me."

"I know a plan," answered dear Aunt Jo,  
"That will do for the dolly that crowds you so:

Suppose you should meet a poor child some day,  
Could you make up your mind to give her away?"

"Yes. There is room in the coach for only two,

So I think, Aunt Jo, that is what I'll do;  
For 'three is a crowd,' and then, you see,  
There'll be nobody left to walk with me."

**LESSON NOTES.**

**THIRD QUARTER.**

B.C. 1490.] LESSON VIII. [Aug. 19

**THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES.**

Lev. 23. 33-44. Commit to memory vs. 41-43.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

The voice of rejoicing and of salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous. Psa. 118. 15.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Solemn Assembly.
2. The Joyful Service.
3. The Grateful People.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

What followed the day of atonement? The feast of tabernacles.

What was this? A thanksgiving feast.

When was it held? In the autumn of each year.

How long did it last? Seven days.

How were these days spent? In thanking and praising God.

For what did the people praise him? For all his gifts to them.

In what did they live during this time? In booths made of the branches of trees.

Of what did the booths remind them? their wilderness life.

What was offered each day? Thank-offerings to the Lord.

What was each man expected to do? To bring a willing offering to the Lord.

What was offered on the eighth day? A burnt-offering and a sin-offering.

What must we never forget? Our sins and our Saviour.

Who had brought the Israelites out of Egypt? The Lord.

Where was he leading them? To Canaan. Where does he want to lead us? To the heavenly Canaan.

What should we often stop to do? Praise him for his goodness.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE**

Have you—

Kind friends? A home to shelter you?

A loving Saviour? A hope of heaven

They are all God's gifts. Do you thank him for them?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian joy.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS**

Who was Noah? That good man who was saved in the ark when the world was drowned.

Who was Abraham? The pattern of believers, and the friend of God.

B.C. 1490] LESSON IX [Aug. 26

**THE PILLAR OF CLOUD AND OF FIRE**

Num. 9. 15-23. Commit to memory vs. 17, 16

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me. Psa 43 3.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Cloud.
2. The camp.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

To what land were the Israelites journeying? To the land of Canaan.

Which way did they go? Through the wilderness.

Did they travel all the time? No; they often rested in camp.

At whose command did they travel or rest? At the Lord's command.

How did he appear to them? In the pillar of cloud and fire.

Upon what did this rest? Upon the tabernacle.

What was it like? A cloud by day, and a fire by night.

When the Lord wanted the people to go forward, what happened? The cloud was taken up.

What did they do when the cloud stood still? They pitched their tents.

How long did they stay in camp? As long as the cloud stood still.

What did the Israelites need to do? To keep their eyes toward the tabernacle.

What do Christians need to do? To keep their eyes unto the Lord.

What will he show us? Where to go and what to do.

Who will lead us in our journey, if we ask him? The Lord who led Israel.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE**

"Looking unto Jesus,"

{ Light on the way.

There come { Sweet whisp'ers in the heart,

{ Gentle drawing to the right

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The guidance of God.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

Who was Isaac? Abraham's son according to God's promise.

Who was Jacob? Isaac's younger son, whose name was changed to Israel.

**GLOOM AND LIGHT.**

A WISE man in the east had two pupils, to each of whom he gave one night a sum of money, and said, "What I have given you is very little; yet with it you must buy something that would fill this dark room."

One of them purchased a quantity of hay, and coming into the room said, "Sir I have filled the room."

"Yes," said the wise man, "and with gloom.

Then the other, with scarcely a third of the money, bought a candle, and lighting it, said, "Sir, I have filled the hall."

"Yes," said the wise man, "and with light. Such are the words of wisdom, for it seeks good means to good ends."

This teacher certainly had a droll way of instructing his pupils, but it was a very good way. They learned that it is one thing to fill, and another thing to fill properly. One of them knew this before; the other seemed not to know it. He was a simpleton.

**MAKING THE BEST OF IT.**

LITTLE Minnie, only three years old, to amuse a home-sick cousin who was visiting at her house, brought out her choicest playthings. Among these was a tiny trunk, with bands of gilt paper for straps—a very pretty toy; but Freddy bent the lid too far back and broke it off. He did not mean to do this; and when he saw what he had done, he was frightened and began to cry. Then dear little Minnie, with her own eyes full of tears, said, "Never mind, Freddy; just see what a cunning little cradle the top will make!"

That was certainly a great deal better than fretting. She made the best of it.