

NEVER OUT OF SIGHT.

There is a little saying,
Which you'll find is always true;
My little boy, my little girl,
A saying that's for you.
'Tis this, my darling little one,
With eyes so clear and bright:
"No child in all this careless world
Is ever out of sight."

No matter whether field or glen,
Or city's crowded way,
Or pleasure's laugh or labor's hum
Entice your feet to stray,
Some One is always watching you;
And, whether wrong or right,
No child in all this busy world
Is ever out of sight.

Some One is always watching you,
And marking what you do,
To see if all your childhood's acts
Are honest, brave, and true;
And watchers of the heavenly world,
God's angels, pure and white,
In joy or sorrow at your course
Are keeping you in sight.

Bear this in mind, my little one,
And let your aim be high;
You do whatever you may do
Beneath some seeing eye,
Remember this, my darling one,
And keep your good name bright:
No child who lives upon the earth
Is ever out of sight.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

LESSON IX.—MAY 28.

THE CRUCIFIXION.

John 19. 17-30. Memorize verses 25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15. 3.

THE LESSON STORY.

The time had come for our Lord to end his earthly life and finish the work he had come to do. We must not think hard thoughts about the people who brought it about, for it was for this cause he came into the world. Pilate could not save him, and though he saved others, himself he could not save, for he had come to redeem us and to show us the only thing that can save anybody—Love. He went, bearing his cross, to the hill called Calvary, that has been so sacred to the world ever since, and there, between two thieves, he gave up his natural life, that he might come nearer to us, who also have to give up our natural lives when we go to live with him. Over his cross Pilate had written, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the

Jews," to vex the Jews, perhaps, since they would not let Pilate set him free. The soldiers parted his garments and cast lots for his clothing. Three Marys stood at the foot of the cross—his mother, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene—and John stood with them. When Jesus saw his two closest earthly friends there he said to his mother, "Woman, behold thy son!" and to John he said, "Behold thy mother!" and John took Mary to his own home from that hour.

Knowing that all that he had come to do was now done, Jesus said, "It is finished," and gave up his life.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did Jesus come to do? To live our life and die our death.

Why? To bring us into the heavenly life.

What led him to do it? Love.

Who said that Jesus must die? The high priest and Pilate.

Who had already said so? Himself.

How did Jesus go to Calvary? Bearing his cross.

Who went with him? A few friends, but many enemies.

Who stood by his cross? The three Marys and John.

To whom did he give the care of his mother? To John.

What were the last words of Jesus? "It is finished."

What had he done? Redeemed the world from sin.

What have we to do? To believe in him, and do his will.

LESSON X.—JUNE 4.

THE RESURRECTION.

John 20. 11-23. Memorize verses 19-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15. 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

How happy we are to come to the resurrection story! We are glad that our Lord won eternal life for us by passing through the life and death of this world, but we do not like to think that the sins of the world—our sins—cost him so much. But let us come with Mary to his tomb in the early dawn of the first day of the week. The Sabbath had passed, and she had hastened with the first light to guide her steps to the garden where her Lord lay. They had found the tomb open and empty, and had run to tell the disciples. Peter and John had been to look also, and, finding only an empty grave, had gone away, but Mary could not go. She stood weeping and wondering, and stooping down once more to look within, she saw two angels sitting, one at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had lain. When they said, "Woman, why weepest thou?"

she said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." When she turned again she saw the Risen One standing near, who asked her the same question, adding, "Whom seekest thou?" she thought he was the gardener, and begged him, if he had taken the body of Jesus away, to tell her where he had laid him, that she might take him away. Then a voice that thrilled through her heart said, "Mary," and she threw herself at his feet, crying, "Rabboni!" ("Dear Teacher!")

What joy it was to be the first to see him, to hear his voice, to know that he was alive again! She heard his words about ascending to his Father and about telling his brethren, and then she ran again to the room where the disciples were to tell the joyful news. In another gospel we read that Jesus told her to tell them that he was going into Galilee, and would meet them there; so perhaps they all went there to meet him.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

On what day did Jesus rise? On the first day of the week.

At what time? In the early dawn.

Who then came to the tomb? Mary Magdalene.

What did she see? That it was empty.

Whom did she bring to see it also? Peter and John.

What did she do when they had gone? Wept by the tomb.

Who spoke to her? Two angels sitting in the tomb.

What did they say? "Why weepest thou?"

Who said the same thing beside her? Jesus.

Did she know him? Not until he said "Mary."

What did she then do? Fell at his feet, saying, Rabboni.

What did he send her to do? To tell his brethren.

THE BEAUTIFUL GARMENT.

There is a robe of lovely hue
Which Wisdom's eye delights to view;
The God of heaven himself admires
The child who in that robe attires.

Think you 'tis made of silk, all gay
With gold, or gems of sparkling ray?
An outward robe of texture rare,
Such as the rich and mighty wear?

Oh, no! dear child, it is not such;
It differs very, very much;
The robe I mean is nobler far
Than earth's most costly garments are.

It will both rich and poor adorn,
And should by every child be worn.
Hear, then, its name—and seek to be
Adorned with sweet HUMILITY.