

**SOMEBODY ELSE.**

Who's Somebody Else? I should like to know.

Does he live at the north or south?

Or is it a lady fair to see,

Whose name is in every one's mouth?

For Meg says: "Somebody Else will sing;"

Or, "Somebody Else can play."

And Jack says: "Please let Somebody Else

Do some of the errands to-day."

The words of cheer for a stranger lad

This Somebody Else will speak,

And the poor and helpless who need a friend

Good Somebody Else must seek.

The cup of cold water in Jesus' name,

O, Somebody Else will offer,

And cords of love for a broken heart

Brave Somebody Else will proffer.

There are battles in life we only can fight,

And victories, too, to win;

And Somebody Else cannot take our place

When we shall have "entered in."

But if Somebody Else has done this work,

While we for our ease have striven,

'Twill only be fair if the blessed reward

To Somebody Else is given.

—Union Signal.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**SECOND QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON III. [April 20.]

PETER AND CORNELIUS.

Acts 10. 34-44. Memorize verses 42-44.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10. 34.

THE LESSON STORY.

Peter like all Jews had been taught to believe that all people who were not Jews were unholy, and that God did not love them. They were called Gentiles. God taught Peter a lesson about this by means of a vision. (Read Acts 10. 9-16.) And now he was glad to tell all people about Jesus and count them among the Lord's people. Two days before a Gentile named Cornelius, who lived in Casarea, fifty miles away, had a vision from the Lord also. He was told to send for Peter to teach him what he ought to do. So he sent three men for him, and Peter, taking six of his friends with him, went to Casarea. There they found Cornelius, a Roman captain, with his friends. Cornelius told him about his vision, and told him that they all wished to hear what he could tell them. Then Peter preached the Gospel of Jesus to this little company, and Cornelius, who was a good man with an open heart toward God, was converted,

and the Holy Spirit came upon all who heard the word. Read Peter's sermon, which is in the lesson verses, very carefully. What good news this was to Gentiles!

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was Cornelius? A Gentile.

What is a Gentile? One who is not a Jew.

What did the Jews think? That God loved only Jews.

Was Peter a Jew? Yes.

What did the Lord teach him? That he loved everybody.

How did he teach him this? By a vision.

What did the Lord tell Cornelius? To send for Peter.

What did Peter do? He went and preached to Gentiles.

What did they believe? All his words about Jesus.

What did they want? To be baptized.

What did God give to them? His Holy Spirit.

What had Peter learned? A new lesson of love.

LESSON IV. [April 27.]

GENTILES RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.

Acts 11. 4-15.

Memorize verses 7-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.—Acts 10. 43.

THE LESSON STORY.

After Peter had been to Casarea, and had baptized Cornelius and his friends, the disciples in Judea heard of it and were troubled, and when Peter came to Jerusalem they found fault with him for going to people who were not Jews; but Peter told them all about his vision. He said that when he was in the city of Joppa praying he saw in a vision a great sheet let down from heaven, full of all kinds of wild beasts, creeping things and fowls and a voice told him to "slay and eat." He did not want to do this, for he had never eaten anything common or unclean, but the voice said, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." This was done three times and then the sheet was drawn up into heaven. Then, Peter said, three men from Casarea came into the house and asked him to go to Casarea and tell their master the good news of the Gospel. The story of Peter's preaching in the house of Cornelius was told in our last lesson. This Peter told to the disciples, and when they saw that God had given his Holy Spirit to Gentiles as well as to the Jews they thanked God and were glad.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where were many disciples of Jesus? In Judea.

What did they think about Peter? That he had done wrong.

In what way? In preaching to Gentiles.

What did Peter tell them? The story of the vision.

What more did he tell them? The story of Cornelius.

What did he say God gave the Gentiles? The Holy Spirit.

What lesson did Peter say he had learned? That God loved everybody.

Why does God teach us lessons? So that we may teach others.

Did the disciples learn from Peter? Yes, and praised God.

Who are God's children? Those who love and obey him.

Where are they? In every land and nation.

When is God not pleased? When we think we are better than others.

**MARJORIE'S BIRTHDAY TEXT.**

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

It was not a very long nor a very hard text, and it did not take many minutes for Marjorie to learn it as she stood by Aunt Katie's knee, and repeated it after her again and again.

"That is a beautiful text, darling, with which to begin a new year," said Aunt Kate, kissing the dear little upturned face. "A burden is a trouble of any kind that people have to bear; and if every time you see any one in trouble and try to help them in any way that a little girl can, then you will be helping to bear their burdens, and fulfilling the law of Christ."

Shall I tell you how even a little seven-year-old girl was a burden-bearer that day? She helped to hunt for brother Fred's missing geography and discovered it when he had given it up; she went with willing feet on grandfather's errands, for his rheumatism made it very hard for him to move about; she made grandmother happy by reading a Psalm to her—the beautiful twenty-third Psalm, which Marjorie could repeat as well as read; when an old woman in the street dropped a basket of apples, the willing little maiden overtook her, and helped her to pick them up; she helped a blind man across the street and told a lost child which way to go home; and when mother's head ached, she played so nicely with baby that mother could rest until her head was better.

Do you not think that she helped to bear many a burden, even though she was only a little child?

Boys, whatever else you fail in, do not fail in gallantry to your mothers. You will find it a measure of policy as well as duty. It will do your mother good, ennoble your own character, and raise you in the eyes of all beholders. All the world loves the boy who is his mother's lover.