

LITTLE SAILORS.

HAPPY little sailors
Going out to sea,
Full of love and laughter,
Hoist your flags with glee;
While the morning breezes
Sing a roundelay,
Join your voices with them
Through the rising spray.

Take your compass with you,
For the Polar Star
Oftentimes is hidden,
And the way is far;
Ask on board the pilot,
For he knows the shoals;
He who made the ocean
All its rage controls.

Take the Living Water,
For the seas are brine,
You could never drink them,
Though so clear they shine;
Surely take the anchor,
It would never do
To sail far without it
All the surges through.

Broader seas and deeper
Farther from the shore;
Go, ye little sailors,
Where the breakers roar.
To the heavenly country,
Spread the snow-white sail,
O'er the waters wafted
Angels you will hail.

Happy little sailors!
Jesus is the Star,
Jesus is the Pilot
To that land afar;
Listen! for he calls you,
Happy shall you be
Till you drop the anchor
In the golden sea.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON IX. [Feb. 28.]

THE DISCIPLES DISPERSED.

Acts 8. 1-17. Memory verses, 5-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.—Acts 8. 4.

OUTLINE.

1. The Church Scattered, v. 1-4.
2. The Church Growing, v. 5-17.

THE LESSON STORY.

After Stephen's death the wicked Jews went on persecuting the Christians. Saul, the young man who was present when Stephen died, was the worst persecutor of all. He would go into any house where

Christians lived and drag them away, men or women, to prison. A great many believers went away to other places, but the apostles stayed in Jerusalem and kept on preaching Jesus.

Philip, one of the deacons, went to Samaria, and preached and did wonderful miracles. When the people saw what he could do they believed his words about Jesus, and there was great joy in the city. One of the new converts was a wicked man named Simon. He had been a great deceiver, and many, both old and young, said that he had the great power of God. Instead, he had help from Satan. This man believed and was baptized, and stayed with Philip, watching to see the miracles he did.

Now, when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that the Samaritans received the Gospel, they sent Peter and John there. When they came they prayed that the Holy Ghost might come upon these new believers, and the prayer was answered when the apostles laid their hands upon them.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read about the persecution. Acts 8. 1-17.
- Tues.* Learn the good that came from it. Golden Text.
- Wed.* Find how far the Gospel was carried. Acts 11. 19.
- Thur.* Tell some one what great works Philip did.
- Fri.* Find what was the trouble with Simon. Acts 8. 18-23.
- Sat.* Learn why Philip was able to help so many. Acts 1. 8.
- Sun.* Pray that this may be true of you. Isa. 43. 10.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What followed Stephen's death? Who was very active in persecuting Christians? What did many believers do? What good came from this? [See Helps for Tuesday.] What did the apostles do? Where did Philip go? Who was Philip? Why did the people believe what he said? Why was there great joy in Samaria? There is always joy where Christ is received. Who was Simon? What had he been? What did he now claim to be? Who came from Jerusalem to help Philip? For what did they pray? When did the Holy Ghost come upon the believers? Why could not Philip do this? He was not an apostle?

LEARN FROM THE LESSON—

That trials may do great good.
That it is easy for a true disciple to help others.
That Christ will not dwell in a false heart.

LESSON X. [March 7.]

THE ETHIOPIAN CONVERT.

Acts 8. 26-40. Memory verses, 29-31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then Philip opened his mouth, and be-

gan at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.—Acts 8. 35.

OUTLINE.

1. A Student, v. 26-30.
2. A Teacher, v. 31-35.
3. A Believer, v. 36-40.

THE LESSON STORY.

Peter and John went back to Jerusalem, but Philip went toward the south through a desert place. Perhaps he wondered why he was sent through a desert, but an angel of the Lord told him the way to go, and he knew it was right. While he was walking through the wild country he saw a fine carriage and a great lord reading in the carriage. The great man was the chief servant of the Queen of Ethiopia, whose name was Candace. He had been to Jerusalem to worship, and he was reading the roll of the prophet Isaiah.

The Holy Spirit put it into Philip's heart to go and speak to this man, and he asked if he understood what he was reading. The great man had a humble heart, and he invited Philip to come and sit by him and explain Isaiah's words. So Philip came and preached Jesus to him, and the man believed, and when they came to water asked to be baptized. The carriage stopped, and Philip baptized this Gentile stranger, and then the Spirit took him away and he saw him no more. But he went home full of joy, to tell Queen Candace and her people about Jesus, the Son of God. So the Gospel came into Africa, and many people learned to know and love Jesus.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 8. 26-40.
- Tues.* Find why Philip heard the Lord speak. Hab. 2. 1.
- Wed.* Read what the great man was reading. Isa. 53.
- Thur.* Find what a humble heart may expect. Psalm 25. 9.
- Fri.* Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat.* Find why it is wise to believe in Jesus. Luke 16. 16.
- Sun.* What kind of an evangelist was Philip?

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

Where did Peter and John go from Samaria? Where did Philip go? Who told him the way? What strange sight did he see in the desert? Who was traveling here? What country did he come from? Where was he going? Where had he been? What had he brought with him? Upon what were the words of Isaiah written? Why were they not in a book? There were no books in those days. What did Philip ask the stranger? What was he invited to do? Whom did Philip preach? What was the result? In whose name was the Gentile baptized? What did he carry home with him?

LESSONS FOR ME.

To be always ready to speak for Jesus.
To always go where the Lord sends me.
To think less of self and more of Christ.