

"PAPA, FOT WOULD YOU TAKE FOR ME?"

She was ready for bed, and lay on my arm,
In her little frilled cap so fine,
With her golden hair falling out at the edge,
Like a circle of noon sunshine.
And I hummed the old tune of "Banbury Cross,"

And "Three Men Who Put Out to Sea,"
When she speedily said, as she closed her blue eyes,
"Papa, fot would you take for me?"

And I answered: "A dollar, dear little heart!"

And she slept, baby weary with play;
But I held her warm in my love-strong arms,

And I rocked her and rocked away.
Oh, the dollar meant all the world for me—
The land, and the sea, and the sky,
The lowest depths of the lowest place,
The highest of all that's high.

The cities, with streets and palaces,
Their pictures and stores of art,
I would not take for one low, soft throb
Of my little one's loving heart;
Nor all the gold that was ever found
In the busy, wealth-finding past,
Would I take for one smile of my darling's face,
Did I know it must be the last.

So I rocked my baby, and rocked away,
And I felt such a sweet content,
For the words of the song expressed to me more
Than they ever before had meant;
And the night crept on, and I slept and dreamed
Of things far too glad to be,
And I awakened with lips saying close to my ears:
"Papa, fot would you take for me?"

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 1028] LESSON VI. [Nov. 10

DAVID'S GRIEF FOR ABSALOM.

2 Sam. 18, 18-35. Commit to mem. vs. 32, 33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. Prov. 17. 25.

OUTLINE.

1. Evil Tidings, v. 18-32.
2. Great Grief, v. 33.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did David and his soldiers stop? At a walled city.

Who followed with his army? Absalom.

Where did they pitch their tents? Before the city.

Did David want to fight against Absalom? He did not.

Who begged David not to go to the battle? His soldiers.

Where was the battle fought? In a wood.

Which army conquered? David's army.

Who fought for them? The Lord.

How many men were killed? Twenty thousand.

What did Absalom try to do? To escape.

By what was he caught in one of the trees? By his hair.

Who found and killed him? David's men.

What had David asked? That Absalom might be spared.

Who brought the news to David? A messenger.

Where was he watching? At the city gate.

How did David feel? Very sorrowful.

What did he wish? That he had died in Absalom's stead.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Absalom is a type of
Self-love, Self-will, Self-seeking.

David is a type of
JESUS, { who pleased not himself,
 { who came not to do his own will,
 { who laid down his life for us.

"Whoso curseth his father or mother, his lamp shall be put out." Prov. 20. 20.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. *What will become of those who do not repent? After death they will be cast out of God's presence forever.*

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Personal responsibility.

B.C. 1018] LESSON VII. [Nov. 17

DAVID'S LAST WORDS.

2 Sam. 23, 1-7. Commit to mem. vs. 3, 4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure. 2. Sam. 23. 5.

OUTLINE.

1. The Psalmist, v. 1, 2.
2. His Song, v. 3-7.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

To what city did David return after Absalom's death? To Jerusalem.

What do we get in this lesson? His last words.

Whose son was David? The son of Jesse.

Who chose David to be king? The Lord.

What did David write? The Psalms.

Who spoke by David? The Spirit of the Lord.

What did the Lord say a king must be? Just.

In whose fear must he rule? In the fear of God.

To what is a good king compared? To a morning without clouds.

What did God make with David? An everlasting covenant.

What is a covenant? An agreement.

Whose promises are sure? The Lord's.

What did David believe? That God would keep his covenant.

What did this give him? Great peace.

Who are kept in perfect peace? Those who trust God.

What does David say of the wicked? They shall be destroyed.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID.

Thy throne shall be established forever. 2 Sam. 7. 16.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ME.

I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters. 2 Cor. 6. 18.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

24. *Will all men be judged hereafter? Yes, we must all be judged at the last day.*

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Rock of Israel.

BRAVE LITTLE HARRY.

It was a cold morning, but Nannie thought she could not stay at home from Sunday-school. "Cause you know, mamma, I've not been absent one Sunday this quarter, and I don't want to miss one single day." Papa said he thought it would not hurt her to go through the cold, for she was out of doors every day longer than it took to walk to church.

"Yes, let her go with me," said Harry. "I'll carry the umbrella and keep off the snow."

Nannie found it pretty cold before they got to church. But Harry told her not to cry, for they would soon be there.

"How do you s'pose you could stand it, Nannie, if you had no good warm cloak and muff, like that poor little girl we saw last night?" he asked kindly, for he said to himself he "didn't want her to think that she couldn't stand it."

That's the right way, Harry; keep up a brave heart within, and it will help you to bear the cold outside.—*Olive Plants.*