

His conscience struck him, and he told his little daughter to break a loaf of bread into crumbs for the birds, while he went to scatter a purse of money among the poor villagers.

### Stories for Children.—The Angel.

An angel once walked by the side of a beautiful lake, whose water was

so quiet that it reflected the sky, and looked like heaven. He was delighted, and thought he would stay there and not go back to heaven. But suddenly the wind blew, the waves arose, and the surface of the lake was so rough that the angel ascended to the sky, saying that a heaven which could be so easily changed, was no fit place for men or angels.

## BIBLE HISTORY.



### THE FALL OF JERICHO.

The assault upon Jericho is not without prognostication of perfect success. The powers of darkness may well tremble; the menacing adversaries who line the walls that are still undestroyed, may well be faint at heart, surrounded as they are by the fragments of fortresses, at least as mighty once as those which they resolve to defend. We know not, we pretend not even to conjecture, which of the appointed circuits it is which the Church is now making. But we may now conclude that the time of the end will be marked by a vastly increased diligence in displaying the cross, and publishing the Gospel. With the Israelites the work of six days compressed into the seventh—what

can this denote, but that the downfall of Jericho will be immediately preceded by a multiplied earnestness in the use of all those means which God hath ordained for the triumph of truth? It shall come—that long-expected hour—when Christianity is to attain universal dominion.—The march shall have an end; the mystic seven shall all have been reckoned; and then shall God specially inspire the Church with a spirit expectation and prayer, so that a shout shall be raised, as though, in ceasing to weary with their tread, the thousands had resolved to invade heaven with their voices. And God will answer the cry of his people. He will recompense that patient trust which has been displayed, century after century, in the encompassing the city, and assailing it with no carnal weapons. On a sudden shall there be a mighty interference; the temples of the idols shall crumble into dust; every form and feature of falsehood shall vanish away; every household and every heart shall be a shrine for Christian truth; and when the vast revolution is surveyed, and its producing cause demanded by those