

"OCK OF AGES, TEFT FOR ME."

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Up before the fire is made,
Nor of dark nor cold afraid,
Earliest of all the boys,
Busiest with childish toys,
Sarcely quiet during prayers,
Freest from all grievous cares—
Sings my little boy of three,
" 'Ock of ages, teft for me."

Cutting paper on the floor,
Cracking nuts about the door,
Running in and running out,
Leaving mud-tracks all about,
Making dirt for ma to clean,
(Never wishing to, I ween,)
Still he sings in boyish glee,
" 'Ock of ages, teft for me."

Riding on his "locipede,"
Whipping "hobby" to full speed,
Feeding chicks or "fassy" dog
From the wood-pile's top-most log,
Sings he still his favourite strain
Both as hymn and glad refrain,
Merry as the birds we see—
" 'Ock of ages, teft for me."

Now floats through my study door
Sweetest song of now or yore,
Sung at play, unconsciously,
" 'Ock of ages, teft for me."
Faster beats the father's heart,
Tears of joy do freely start;
And this prayer goes up from me:
" Let him hide himself in Thee."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 54.] LESSON I. [April 6.

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

Acts 18. 23-25, and 19. 1-7. Commit to memory
verses 24-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon
them, the Holy Ghost came on them.
Acts 19. 6.

OUTLINE.

1. Apollos at Ephesus, v. 25-28.
2. Paul at Ephesus, v. 1-7.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Paul go on his third mission-
ary voyage? Through Galatia and Phrygia.
What was his chief work? Encouraging
and strengthening the disciples.

Who came to Ephesus in Galatia? Apol-
los, a learned Jew.

Of whom did he speak in the synagogue?
Of Jesus, the coming Messiah.

How did Priscilla and Aquila help him?
They taught him more about Jesus.

To whom did the brethren introduce him?
To the Christians in Achaia.

In what city did Apollos publicly dispute
with the Jews? In Corinth, the capital of
Achaia.

What did he prove to them? That
Jesus was the Messiah.

How did he prove this? By the Holy
Scriptures which they believed.

Where was Paul at this time? In
Ephesus.

Whom did he find there? Certain dis-
ciples.

What did Paul ask them? If they had
received the Holy Spirit.

What was their reply? That they had
not heard of the Holy Spirit.

What did Paul do? He baptized them,
and laid his hands upon them in the name
of Jesus.

What followed? The Holy Spirit came
upon them.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

When will the Holy Spirit come into our
hearts?

When we are ready to hear about him.

When we believe God's word about him.

When we open our hearts to him.

When we are willing to let sin go, that
he may abide.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian bap-
tism.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

May children receive the Holy Ghost?

Yes: for God has promised to pour out
His Spirit upon all flesh, and His blessing
upon the offspring of His people.

By what sign is it shown that the Lord is
the Saviour of children? Children are bap-
tized "into the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

A.D. 54.] LESSON II. [April 13.

PAUL AT EPHESUS.

Acts 19. 8-22. Commit to memory verses 8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And many that believed came, and con-
fessed, and showed their deed. Acts 19. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. The Kingdom of God, v. 8-12.
2. The Kingdom of Satan, v. 13-22.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

How long did Paul preach in the syna-
gogue at Ephesus? Three months.

Where did he then teach daily? In the
school of Tyrannus.

Who was Tyrannus? A teacher of
knowledge.

How long was Paul in Asia? About
three years.

Who heard him preach during that time?
All the people, both Jews and Greeks.

How did God bless Paul's work? He
gave him power to work great miracles.

Who tried to cast out evil spirits? Some
vagabond Jews.

How did they imitate Paul? By using
the name of Jesus.

Who were some of these Jews? The
sons of Sceva, the high-priest.

What did the evil spirits answer? "Who
are ye?"

What did the evil spirit cause the man to
do? To drive them from the house, naked
and wounded.

How did this affect the people? Fear
fell upon all.

Why? They saw how great was the
power of Jesus.

What did many of the believers do?
[Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

How did some show their belief? They
burned their wicked books.

What does this show us? That we
cannot believe in Christ and continue to do
evil.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Answer thoughtfully—

Can you love Jesus, and not let any one
know it?

Can you love him, and not be ashamed of
sin in your heart?

Can you love him, and not stop living an
evil life?

"The face of the Lord is against them
that do evil."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The power of
Jesus' name.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is "the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?" The nam
of One God in Three Persons, blessed fo
evermore.

How must you remember your baptism
By seeking grace that I may become a tru
Christian, and serve God and my Saviour
all the days of my life.

Two little eyes to look to God;
Two little ears to hear his word;
Two little feet to walk his ways;
Two hands to work for him all my days;
One little tongue to speak his truth;
One little heart for him in my youth,
Take them, dear Jesus, and let them be,
Always obedient and true to thee.