

GRANDPA'S WAY.

My grandpa is the strangest man
Of course I love him dearly,
But really it does seem to me
He looks at things so queerly.

He always thinks that every day
Is right, no matter whether
It rains or snows, or shines or blows,
Or what the kind of weather.

When our door fan is rained by
A heavy shower provoking,
He pats my head and says, "You see
The dry earth needs a soaking"

And when I think the day too warm
For any kind of pleasure,
He says, "The corn has grown an inch—
I see without a measure."

And when I fret because the wind
Has set my things all whirling,
He looks at me, and says, "Tut! tut!
This close air needs a stirring!"

He says, when drifts are piling high,
And fence-posts scarcely peeping,
How warm beneath their blanket white
The little flowers are keeping!"

Sometimes I think, when on his face
His sweet smile shines so clearly,
It would be nice if every one
Could see things just so queerly.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 46.] LESSON X. [Dec. 4

WORK AMONG THE GENTILES

Acts 14. 8-22. Memory verses, 8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

In his name shall the Gentiles trust.—
Matt. 12: 21.

Who heard Paul speak at Lystra? A poor lame man, who had never walked.

What did Paul do for him? He made him well, so that he leaped up and walked.

Whom did the people think Paul and Barnabas were? Two of their god's come down from heaven.

What did they bring? Oxen and flowers to offer sacrifices to them.

Were the apostles glad to be honored so? No; they wanted the people to worship the true God.

What did they say? "We are men like yourselves, and we have come to tell you about the living God who made heaven and earth."

How does God speak, even to nations who have not the Bible? By rain and sunshine, and all the beautiful and good things of the world.

What did the people of Lystra do a few days after this? They stoned Paul till they thought he was dead.

Why did they change so suddenly? Some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and talked to them about the apostles.

Was Paul really dead? No; while his friends were standing around him he rose up.

Where did the apostles go the next day? To another city called Derbe.

After they had preached there what did they do? They went back to all the cities where they had been before.

What for? To talk with and help those who had begun to love Jesus.

Did the words of the Golden Text come true on this missionary journey?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What did our Lord Jesus Christ do to save us? He was made man, suffered death in our stead, rose again from the dead, and went up into heaven.

What do you mean by being saved? Through what Jesus Christ has done for us, we may obtain forgiveness of sin, and holiness, and heaven.

A.D. 52.] LESSON XI [Dec. 11.

THE APOSTOLIC COUNCIL.

Acts 15. 12-29. Memory verses, 8-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved even as they—
Acts 15. 11.

Who made trouble in the church at Antioch? Some men who taught that the Gentiles must obey all the Jewish laws.

What did they say would happen if they did not obey these laws? "Ye cannot be saved."

Had Jesus or the apostles taught this? No; they said, "Except ye believe in Christ ye cannot be saved."

Does God ask us now to obey all the laws and rules which he gave to the Jews? No; he only asks us to love and serve him.

Whom did the church at Antioch send to Jerusalem? Paul and Barnabas.

What did the Christians there do? They got together to talk about the matter.

What did Peter say? That God had given his Holy Spirit to the Gentiles.

How did he say we must all be saved, both Jew and Gentile? [Repeat the Golden Text.]

What did Paul and Barnabas talk about? About their work among the Gentiles, and the wonders which God had done among them.

Who else spoke? James.

What did he say? That the prophets had said that God would call the Gentiles.

What did the council decide to do? To send men from their own church with letters to Antioch.

What message did he send? That the Gentiles need not try to become Jews.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

But will he save all mankind? We can be saved only by repenting and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is it to repent? To repent is to be sorry for my sins, to confess and turn from them, and to seek forgiveness from God.

LARRY'S JOURNEY.

LARRY was very young to be trusted on such an errand. Not many boys could do it; but Larry had been used to danger and responsibilities all his life. He lived out on the Western prairies, in one of the new mining towns. His father was a justice of the peace, and sometimes he had narrow escapes from death at the hands of the wild lawless men he was obliged to bring to justice.

He was away now looking for a desperate man who was hiding in the mountains.

In some way Larry's mother had learned that a band of men, friends of the bad man who was hiding, had banded together, and were going to waylay her husband at a pass in the mountains and kill him. Somebody must go more than fifty miles into the mountains to warn him, and Larry's mother decided that Larry must go. He was brave, cautious, and thoroughly trustworthy. As he started away and received his mother's last instructions, he was very grave and full of the importance of his mission. All the way he prayed earnestly for guidance and help. At one place in his journey he was very much troubled. It was a place where two roads met, and he did not know which to take. Both led to the plain where his father was camping; but one was very dangerous, the other longer and easier. At last Larry decided to let his horse choose. It turned to the hard, dangerous path. At last Larry reached the camp, and found his father was mounting to ride home. Larry was just in time, and thanked God for guiding him in the right path.

LITTLE MAY MATTHEWS.

LITTLE May Matthews was a friend of mine who wanted to do right, but who "forgot" very often. Sometimes she forgot to say, "Thank you," or "Please," and many other things.

One day mamma said, "How can you make yourself stop doing those naughty things, and learn to do right and polite things?"

"I know," said May. "I'll name each one of my fingers and thumbs; then I'll be sure to remember."

So she named one "Thank you," and one "If you please," and one "Put away your playthings," and one "Be-kind-to-baby," and one "Don't-make-a-noise." Then, every time she looked at her dear little hands, she thought of the things she must do, and the things she must not do, until she became a very thoughtful child.

What do you think of her plan?