

A NURSERY SONG.

Peterkin Pout and Gregory Grout
Are two little goblins black!
Full oft from my house I've driven them
out.

But, somehow, they still come back.
They clamber up to the baby's mouth,
And pull the corners down;
They perch aloft on the baby's brow
And twist it into a frown.
And one says "Shall" and t'other says
"Shan't,"
And one says "Must," and t'other says
"Can't."
O Peterkin Pout and Gregory Grout,
I pray you, now, from my house keep out.

But Samuel Smile and Lemuel Laugh
Are two little fairies light.
They're always ready for fun and chaff,
And sunshine is their delight,
And when they creep into baby's eyes,
Why there the sunbeams are,
And when they peep through her rosy
lips,

Her laughter rings near and far,
And one says "Please," and t'other says,
"Do."
And both together say, "I love you."
So Lemuel Laugh and Samuel Smile,
Come in, my dears; and tarry awhile.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED
IN THE GOSPELS.

LESSON IX.—AUGUST 26.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER.

Mark 10. 17-31. Memory verses, 23. 24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Matt. 16. 24.

LESSON STORY.

This is a sad story, this of the rich young man, who came to Jesus asking what he should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus could read the young ruler's heart as he can read all our hearts. He knew the one thing that he lacked. He was a good young man, according to his time, and lived a blameless life. He kept all the commandments, but his one great lack was self-denial. Jesus knew this, so he told him he must sell all and give it to the poor, then take up his cross and follow him. It seemed a great deal to ask, but Jesus saw that as long as he had his wealth he would love it more than God. We all must give up something. It will be hard, but it will be worth doing. Had this young man given up his earthly riches he would have

received treasure in heaven. Alas! we have no record that he did. He went away sorrowful and, we are afraid, continued to love the things of this world more than the next.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who is this lesson about? A rich young ruler.
2. What did he ask Jesus? What he should do to inherit eternal life.
3. What did he tell Jesus? That he had kept all the commandments.
4. What did Jesus tell him? That he lacked one thing—self-denial.
5. What was he told to do? To sell all.

LESSON X.—SEPTEMBER 2.

BARTIMEUS AND ZACCHAEUS.

Luke 18. 35 to 19. 10.

Memory verses, 42. 43.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost.—Luke 19. 10.

LESSON STORY.

Let us learn the names and the stories of these two noted New Testament characters, Bartimeus and Zaccheus.

Bartimeus was a poor blind man. It was his custom to sit by the road-side and beg. One day he heard unusual numbers passing and asked why it was. He was told that they were following Jesus. As soon as he knew this, he called out, "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Then Jesus asked him what he would have. The poor blind man said, "O Lord, restore my sight." He had faith that Jesus could do it, so he received his sight.

Another example of faith is that of Zaccheus. When he knew that Jesus was coming he climbed up into a tree, for he was short and was afraid he could not see. When Jesus saw him He knew he had faith. He told him to hurry down, for He wished to be his guest. Imagine the joy of this man, who knew he was a sinner, at the thought of having the Saviour from sin stay in his home. That day did he indeed find salvation.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who was Bartimeus? A blind beggar.
2. Where did he sit? By the roadside.
3. What did he hear one day? Crowds passing.
4. Who was with them? Jesus.
5. What did the blind man cry? "Son of David, have mercy on me."
6. What did Jesus do? Restored his sight on account of his faith.
7. Where did Zaccheus climb? Into a tree.
8. Why? To get sight of Jesus.
9. What did Jesus say to him? "Come down: I must abide in thy house to-day."
10. What did he receive that day? Salvation.

give it to the poor, and to take up his cross and follow Jesus.

6. Was he willing to do this? No.
7. Must every one give up something for Jesus' sake? Yes.

BROKEN FOR EVER.

"Hallo!" cried Charley Lawrence, stopping short in his walk, with a look of dismay in his face. "The dam is broken, and if it is not patched at once it will be washed away before morning."

He began mechanically stamping his feet to keep them warm, while he watched the water of the creek slowly trickling through a rift in the dam, which he and his companions had built on the day before.

The weather was not yet cold enough to freeze running water, and the boys had dammed the creek at this point, determined that when it did freeze the creek should be broad enough for a skating pond; and now the water had found a weak point in their work, and before morning it would be destroyed.

"Half an hour's work would put it in good shape again," said Charley to himself, biting the end of his glove, "but—"

He hesitated over something for perhaps ten minutes, and then, jerking off his gloves, he set to work with might and main repairing the breach. While he was at work he did not notice his uncle coming towards him; when the work was done he saw him looking on. Charley's face suddenly grew as red as the morning sky.

"You have mended it, I see," his uncle said slowly.

"Yes, sir."

"But you have broken something else which can never be mended."

The serious tone in which this was spoken made Charley understand pretty clearly what was meant; but he asked:

"What is that, uncle?"

"What day is this, Charley?"

"Sunday."

"And a broken Sabbath is broken for ever."

You do not need to devise in the morning how to create your own light; it is prepared and ready for you. The sun was made before you were, and it keeps its course; and so constantly will God's own light shine to you without your contrivance or care for anything but to seek, receive, and be guided by it.

Said one little child to another: "Don't ever tell a lie, because God will know it; and he will write it down in his book, and then he will read it out before everybody." But I think that we ought to feel sorriest of all because God himself will know it, don't you?