

NEVER OUT OF SIGHT.

There is a little saying,  
Which you'll find is always true,  
My little boy, my little girl,  
A saying that's for you.  
'Tis this, my darling little one,  
With eyes so clear and bright.  
"No child in all this careless world  
Is ever out of sight."

No matter whether field or glen,  
Or city's crowded way,  
Or pleasure's laugh or labour's hum  
Entice your feet to stray,  
Some One is always watching you;  
And, whether wrong or right,  
No child in all this busy world  
Is ever out of sight.

Some One is always watching you,  
And marking what you do,  
To see if all your childhood's acts  
Are honest, brave, and true;  
And watchers of the heavenly world,  
God's angels, pure and white,  
In joy or sorrow at your course  
Are keeping out of sight.

Bear this in mind, my little one,  
And let your aim be high;  
You do whatever you may do  
Beneath some seeing eye,  
Remember this, my darling one,  
And keep your good name bright:  
No child who lives upon the earth  
Is ever out of sight.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY JOHN.

LESSON V. [April 30.]

THE COMFORTER PROMISED.

John 14. 15-27. Memory verses, 25, 26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter.—John 14. 16.

DO YOU KNOW?

What did Jesus say the Father would send to the disciples after death? Golden Text. What if Jesus had stayed here himself? Would that have been the best for the disciples (and us)? Why not? What other name did Jesus give to the Comforter? The Spirit of truth. Where did Jesus say this Spirit should dwell? What did Jesus say the Comforter would do? Teach us all things. What will he help us to remember? All that Jesus taught when he was here. Who keep the sayings of Jesus? Those who love him. What beautiful possession did Jesus leave with the disciples? Peace. Do you know any of the last words of Jesus? Would you like to learn some of them?

DAILY HELPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson verses slowly and thoughtfully. John 14 15-27.
- Tues. Learn why it was better that Jesus should go away. Golden Text.
- Wed. Learn about the work of the Comforter. John 16. 8-11.
- Thur. Read about the coming of this great Gift. Acts 2. 1-4.
- Fri. Learn the true meaning of this Gift. Acts 2. 8.
- Sat. Learn this last word of Jesus about peace. John 14. 27.
- Sun. Read (and learn, as many of the lesson verses as you can which have the word "love" in them.

LESSON VI. [May 7.]

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES.

John 15. 1-11. Memory verses, 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the vine; ye are the branches.—John 15. 5.

DO YOU KNOW?

What is a vineyard? Where are vineyards most commonly found? What is most prized on grapevines, the leaves or the fruit? Who are the husbandmen in a vineyard? Do they sometimes cut off the branches? Do they cut off the branches which bear fruit? What becomes of a branch when it is cut off? Do you understand why it dies? What does Jesus call himself? The Vine. What does he call us? The branches. Where do we get our life? From Jesus, who is the Life. What happens if we let sin cut us off from Jesus? We die. What are some of the fruits which good branches may bear? How may we abide in Jesus? By loving him and obeying his words.

DAILY HELPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson verses. John 15. 1-11.
- Tues. Learn how you may be a fruit-bearing branch. John 15. 4.
- Wed. Find what kind of fruits even a child may bear. Gal. 5. 22, 23.
- Thur. Find as many places as you can in the Bible where grapes are mentioned.
- Fri. Learn the great secret of fruit-bearing. Verse 10.
- Sat. Learn how God knows trees (and people). Matt. 7. 20.
- Sun. Read the psalm which tells how to bear fruit. Psalm 1.

BREAKING A WISHBONE.

"Will you break this wishbone with me, mamma?" said the little girl, as she held up the well-dried bone of the fowl left from the dinner the day before.

Mamma broke the bone with her little daughter after they had both made their wishes in silence. The little girl got the wish.

"What was your wish, dear?" asked mamma.

"I don't like to tell," replied the little one.

"As long as you have the wish, it does not matter if you tell it, dear."

With some hesitancy, the child said, "I wished that papa would go to church with you to-night."

The mother was astonished. She supposed, of course, that the child had wished for something specially for herself. A short time before, in the child's presence, the mother had been asking her husband to go to church with her that evening, and he had slightly demurred. Lying on the couch in the next room, the father heard the conversation about the wishbone, and was as much surprised at the wish his child had made as the mother was.

After the little girl had told her wish, she said: "Now, mamma, we will see for sure if chicken wishbone wishes come true."

The wish did come true. Papa went to church that night with mamma.

IN A TIGHT PLACE.

A number of boys were playing "hide and seek" on the streets of a city. A large joint sewer-pipe lay above ground. One of the little urchins was looking for a hiding-place. He came up to the pipe, looked in, and thought a moment. It was dark and deep. "What a splendid place to hide!" he whispered to himself. He tried to drag himself in out of sight. The pipe seemed small, but on he went. The middle was reached. There he lay, still as death. His playmates were searching for Johnnie, but the boy could not be found. He thought it time to bestir himself, but in neither direction could he move. He began to yell most loudly. His companions heard him, but none of them could go in for him. Then they brought a rope, and threw it in. He grasped it, they pulled, and soon Johnnie was once more enjoying freedom.

He had learned a lesson. Let all the boys learn it. Keep out of tight places. And no place is so tight as a bad habit. Chewing tobacco, drinking beer, reading bad books, using bad words—get caught in any of these, and you cannot get out, nor can your best friend pull you out. Christ alone can help you.

A PET COW.

We have all heard of pet dogs and pet cats and pet birds, but I read of a cow, not long ago, that was really a pet. She looked just like an ordinary black cow, it is said, but she behaved in the strangest way, for she followed her owner's children around like a dog, and would not be separated from them, if she could possibly help it. When the children were at home, the cow would stay quietly in the pasture, but when the children went out, she would leave the pasture and follow behind them, even jumping over fences so that she might be with them.