

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON XII. [Dec. 22.]

THE PASSAGE OF THE RED SEA.

Exod. 14. 19-27. Memory verses, 13-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.—Exod. 15. 1.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Why did Pharaoh finally let the Israelites go? To what land did they wish to go? Who were their human leaders? What journey have we started to take? The journey from earth to heaven. Who wants to lead us safely there? What is the wise thing for us to do? To let the Lord lead us. What did Pharaoh do after they started? He was sorry he had to let them go, and started to bring them back. What lay before them? The Red Sea. What was behind them? Pharaoh's army. What did Moses tell them? To see how the Lord would save them. How did he save them? By making a path through the sea. Could any man have done this? No; this was a miracle. What became of Pharaoh's army? It was destroyed in the sea. What did the Israelites do? They crossed the sea dryshod.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Learn what the wicked king did. Exod. 14. 5-10.
- Tues. Find why God led by the Red Sea. Exod. 13. 17, 18.
- Wed. See why Moses was brave. Exod. 14. 13, 14.
- Thur. Read the lesson verses. Exod. 14. 19, 27.
- Fri. Learn that God is our safety. Psa. 20. 7.
- Sat. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sun. Learn a way for us in trouble. Heb. 11. 29.

LESSON XIII. [Dec. 29.]

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8. 31.

Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly studied.

- 1. J. S. into E. The patriarchs—
- 2. J. in P. But the Lord was—

- 3. J. E. Them that honour—
- 4. J. and his B. Be not overcome—
- 5. D. of J. So teach us to —
- 6. I. O. in E. God heard their—
- 7. The C. of M. Train up a child—
- 8. W's T. L. Woe unto them—
- 9. The C. of M. Certainly I will—
- 10. M. and P. The angel of—
- 11. The P. Christ our Passover
- 12. The P. of the R.S. I will sing unto—

Have a care of your temper, for a passionate boy rides a pony that runs away with him. Passion has done more mischief in the world than all the poisonous plants that grow in it; therefore again we say, have a care of your temper. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

SHE HAD A MOTIVE.

Children are like grown people; they can put up with pretty shabby treatment if they have a sufficient motive. *Good News* reports a conversation of two little girls:
 "If Susy Stuckup was as cross to me as she is to you, I'd get mad and never speak to her."
 "No, you wouldn't—not if you knew what I know."
 "What's that?"
 "She's going to have a birthday party next week, with two kinds of ice-cream and a lot of lady fingers and fruit cake."

The childhood shows the man as the morning shows the day.

CHRISTMAS ON A TRAIN.

Mrs. Lewis and two children, Dolly and Ben, went all the way from California to Boston to meet Mr. Lewis. They had hoped to get to Boston the day before Christmas, but something happened to the engine, and then they missed a train, and so when Christmas Eve came they were still on the railroad, a long way from Boston.

Mother couldn't make Ben and Dolly understand that Santa Claus did not travel on the top of trains, and neither of the children would go to sleep until they had pinned up their stockings by the side of the window.

The train went whizzing on through the dark night, and Ben and Dolly went to sleep; but I wish you could have seen how queer the people in the car acted.

An old lady fumbled in her bag until she found a pair of mittens. Then she tiptoed across the aisle and stuck them in one of the black stockings. A pretty young lady came up with a box of candy and slipped that in; and when the old gentleman sitting back saw her, he got out his purse, and a new silver dollar went down into the toe of each stocking. Then the conductor came along, and in went two ten-cent pieces. A young man dropped a knife in one and a new silk handkerchief in the other. Two boys by the stove began whispering, and after a while one came up with a little whip and a toy elephant.

I could not begin to tell you how Ben and Dolly acted the next morning. As soon as they wakened they saw the stockings crammed full. They had a lovely Christmas Day after

all; for they showed their pretty things to everybody in the car, and everybody smiled and talked to them.

A boy of thirteen, in a public grammar school, was reproached by his master for his slowness. "When I was thirteen," said the master, "I was at least two years farther advanced than you are. How do you account for that?" "I've heard my father say," replied the boy, a little diffidently, "that they used to have a great deal better teachers than they have nowadays."

The man who does a good deed gets his reward whether the people for whose benefit he does it appreciate it or not.