

EASTER MORNING.

Lift up, O little children,
 You— voices clear and sweet,
 And sing the blessed story
 Of Christ, the Lord of glory,
 And worship at his feet.

Cho.—Oh, sing the blessed story!
 The Lord of life and glory
 Is risen—as he said—
 Is risen from the dead.

Lift up, O tender lilies,
 Your whiteness to the sun;
 The earth is not our prison,
 Since Christ himself hath risen,
 The life of every one.

Ring, all ye bells, in welcome,
 Your chimes of joy again.
 Ring out the night of sadness,
 Ring in the morn of gladness
 For death no more shall reign.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

LESSON VI.—MAY 7.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES.

John 15. 1-12. Memorize verses 5, 6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.—John 15. 8.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson verses. John 15. 1-12.
- Tues. Read the story of the ten virgins. Matt. 25. 1-13.
- Wed. Read the story of the sower. Matt. 13. 1-8.
- Thur. Learn the Golden Text. John 15. 8.
- Fri. Find out how Jesus loved his disciples. Mark 3. 32-35.
- Sat. Read something about love. 1 Cor. 13.
- Sun. Read something about faithful servants. Rev. 3. 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Have you heard your teacher tell nature stories? Have you heard them in the fields or in the garden? What kind of nature stories did Jesus tell? What are they often called? Is the vine and the branches a story? What is it? A parable of nature. What did Jesus call himself? What did he call his disciples? Why did he tell them this parable? Can the branch live if cut from the vine? Why not? Can a branch bear fruit by itself? Where must it stay? What does the gardener do with a barren branch? What will he do if at last it does not bear fruit? What kind of fruit should a Christian bear? What may we do if we abide in his love.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—
 1. Christ is our life.
 2. We must be joined to him or die.
 3. Without him we can do nothing.

LESSON VII.—MAY 14.

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS.

John 17. 15-26. Memorize verses 20, 21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I pray for them.—John 17. 9.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What do we call the Lord's Prayer? What is really the Lord's prayer? What did he pour out in this prayer? What was he about to do? To leave them alone in the world. What did he know? When did he come? On the day of Pentecost. What was Jesus to his disciples on his human side? What on his divine side? Shall we ever understand his love? What is enough for children to know? What did he want his disciples to be kept from? What would keep them? What do cold and quarrelsome Christians need? What was the sign when the Holy Spirit came? What did it mean? Has the sign proved a true one?

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Find some divine words about Jesus Christ. John 1. 1-5.
- Tues. Find some of his prophetic names. Isa. 9. 6.
- Wed. Read why he came into the world. John 3. 14-17.
- Thur. Read the lesson verses. John 17. 15-26.
- Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat. Read how the prayer was answered. Acts. 2. 1-21.
- Sun. Read about the church as it shall be. Rev. 22. 1-5.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—
 1. In Christ we may be made one.
 2. In him we may be kept from evil.
 3. In him we may have all things.

A MERRY GAME.

The Barnes and the Fosters were next-door neighbors and the best of friends. There were four little Barnes and four little Fosters, and they had splendid times together, playing all sorts of games. One day these eight little folks had been together almost all the afternoon. They had played tag, blindman's-buff, going to Jerusalem, and half a dozen other games. "I don't know what else we can play," said Charlie Foster. "Let's play French and English," said Eddie Barnes. "What is that?" asked Charlie. "Why, you know the French and English used to be at war, and they were always trying to see which was the stronger. Now four of us will be the French, and the other four will be the

English, and we'll see which will come out the best."

The four Fosters decided that they would be the English, and the four Barnes were to be the French.

"Now, you French go out of the room for a little while, and then come back and see if you can get in," said Charlie Foster.

The French accordingly withdrew from the room. As soon as the door was shut behind them, the English began to barricade the door. First they tried to lock it, but the lock was old and out of order, so they could not use it. They waited some time, listening for the enemy, and at last they heard the sound of approaching footsteps. Oh, how hard they tried to hold the door fast, but they could not keep it shut, for the enemy had brought reinforcements with them, and Mr. Barnes, upon whom they had called for help, easily pushed open the door.

"We've won! We've won!" shouted the four Barnes, triumphantly.

"So you have," answered Charlie Foster, "but just wait until next time we play this game, and you'll see that we can get reinforcements, too."

WANTED.

We very often see this sign upon stores or offices, and every day we find it printed in the newspapers. All kinds of people and things are wanted. Sometimes it is a man wanted to attend to a garden, or a woman is wanted to do sewing. Sometimes a teacher is wanted in school, and sometimes scholars are wanted to fill up the classes. Did you ever think that boys and girls are wanted all the time by God, our loving, heavenly Father? Somebody has put this thought into these beautiful words:

"Wanted! young feet to follow
 Where Jesus leads the way,
 Into the fields where harvest
 Is ripening day by day;
 Now, while the breath of morning
 Scents all the dewy air;
 Now, in the fresh, sweet dawning,
 Oh! follow Jesus there!

"Wanted! young hands to labor;
 The fields are broad and wide,
 The harvest waits the reaper
 Around on every side;
 None are too poor or lowly,
 None are too weak or small,
 For in his service holy
 The Master needs them all.

"Wanted! young ears to listen;
 Wanted! young eyes to see;
 Wanted! young hearts to answer
 With a throb of sympathy,
 While on the wild waves' sighing
 The strange, sad tale is borne
 Of lands in darkness lying,
 Forsaken and forlorn."