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TESTING HER WEIGHT.

Who can tell what reflections may be passing through the old man's brain as he stands and watches the little girl, possibly his daughter, standing in the great balances in his workshop to try her weight?

What she actually weighs is probably of little consequence to either of them, but he may take the occasion to gently explain to her how the day will come, for her as well as for himself, when they will both have to be weighed in balances of another kind, and then their spiritual weight will be of very great consequence, indeed.

Each word, deed and thought of our daily lives must have a final result on our spiritual standard, adding to or detracting from it, on the final day, when all mankind shall be weighed in the balances of God's justice, and when some will pass the standard, but others, like King Belshazzar of old, will be found wanting.

"I'd like to know where heaven is," said Alice, looking up into the blue sky.

"I know, and mamma knows," said Harry, the little brother, looking up from his book. "Heaven is where God is."

Harry was right: and since that is true,

then heaven must be a lovely place. Where God is there can be nothing bad, but everything is goodness and love. "God is love," and if we keep our hearts warm with love for him and for every thing he has made, we shall be glad when the hour comes for us to go and live with him.

So it may be seen that children, from their earliest years, may be Christians. As they live in the world, and by degrees learn how to live and act, so by degrees they come to know more about religious matters. At first their faith may be small, but, like the mustard seed, it will grow and expand until it fills all their life.



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CAN A CHILD HAVE FAITH?

Yes, a child can have faith. There is not one of my readers so young as not to be able to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

Every one knows how to believe in a father or mother, in an older brother or sister. Children naturally believe. We say to all boys and girls that God their Heavenly Father asks them to believe in the same way as they believe their parents. When they promise anything, no matter what, their children expect them to keep their promise. So when God promises anything the smallest child may expect him to keep his promise. And certainly he will do it. God never disappoints one who trusts in him.

We once knew an excellent young man at college. One day in talking on religious matters we asked him when he became a Christian. His reply was: "Ever since I can remember I have loved God and loved the Lord Jesus."