

MAY IS HERE.

CHILDREN, this is merry May;
Come out in the field to-day;
Hear the young birds chirp and sing,
Here them hail the blithe young spring.

Children, dear, shall we not be,
Grateful as the birds we see?
Come, oh, come from far and near,
Come and sing, "Spring-time is here."

A LITTLE HERO.

A boy in the town of Weser, in Germany, playing one day with his sister, was alarmed by the cry of some men in pursuit of a mad dog. The boy saw the dog running toward him, but instead of making his escape he took off his coat, and wrapping it round his arm he boldly faced the dog; and holding out the arm covered with the coat, the animal attacked and worried it until the men came and killed the dog. They asked the boy why he did not run and avoid the dog. "Yes," said the little hero, "I could run from the dog, but if I had he would have attacked my sister. To protect her I offered him my coat, that he might tear it."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 57.] LESSON VII. [May 18.]

THE UPROAR AT EPHESUS.

Acts 19. 23-41, and 20. 1, 2. Commit to memory
verses 33-40.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people
imagine a vain thing? Psa. 2. 1.

OUTLINE.

1. Wild Excitement, v. 23-34.
2. Wise Advice, v. 35-2.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What was the result of Paul's preaching?
Many forsook their idols and believed on
Jesus.

Who was Demetrius? A silversmith,
who made shrines for Diana, the Ephesian
goddess.

What did he do? He gathered together
others who made idols.

What did he tell them? That Paul had
turned many people from worshipping idols.

Of what was Demetrius afraid? That
he would lose his trade.

Of what did he pretend to be afraid?
That the great Diana would be neglected.

What did the silversmiths do? They
created a great uproar in the city.

Whom did they seize and carry into the
theatre? Two of Paul's friends.

What did Paul try to do? Go with
them and defend them.

Who prevented him? His friends, the
chief officers.

Who quieted the people? The town-
clerk.

What did the town-clerk say? "Let us
do nothing rashly."

What did he tell them? There was no
cause for such confusion.

What did Paul do after the uproar? He
took leave of the disciples.

Where did Paul go after he had taken
leave of the disciples? Through Macedonia
to Greece.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Let us learn that—

Money may seem greater than God.

Love of money leads to untruth.

Love of money causes great trouble.

"The love of money is the root of all evil."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Human depravity.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

IV. Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep
it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do
all thy work: but the seventh day is the
Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou
shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son,
nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy
maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger
that is within thy gates: for in six days
the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that in them is, and rested the
seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed
the Sabbath-day and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother:
that thy days may be long upon the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

A.D. 57.] LESSON VIII. [May 25.]

LIBERAL GIVING.

2 Cor. 9. 1-15.

Commit to memory verses 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. Zeal Remembered, v. 1-5.
2. The Law of Giving, v. 6-14.
3. The Unspeakable Gift, v. 15.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who gave generously to the Lord? The
believers in Achaia.

What effect did their giving have upon
others? It encouraged them to give also.

How should Christians give? Freely
and lovingly.

What is given "as a bounty?" Giving
willingly.

What is giving as with covetousness?
Giving reluctantly.

Is such giving acceptable to the Lord?
No; God loveth a cheerful giver.

Who shall reap sparingly? He that
sows sparingly.

What will follow bountiful giving? We
shall reap bountifully.

Who gives freely to us? God.

What will he make to abound towards
us? His grace.

What will that do for us? Fit us to do
God's work.

What does God show us if we work for
him? How to use his gifts in his
way.

What have we that we did not first
receive? Nothing.

What will follow loving gifts? God's
blessing.

Who is God's unspeakable gift to us?
Christ Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Do you ever give anything to the Lord?
Do you ever earn the pennies you give
away?

Do you ever go without something so as
to give more?

Do you give because you love to, or
because people will think well of you?

"It is more blessed to give than to
receive."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The grace of
God to men.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's
house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's
wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-
servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything
that is thy neighbour's.

A SOFT ANSWER.

ONE day at school Amy broke a pretty
inkstand that belonged to her friend Clara.
It was quite an accident, but Clara, who
was very passionate, did not think so;
and at first Amy was too much frightened
to explain. After school Clara hurried
away, and Amy followed, for she would not
rest without being forgiven. When she
reached the door of Clara's home she felt
almost afraid to lift the latch, and, just as
she expected, Clara's first words showed
that she was very angry. But when Amy
said, "Dear Clara, I am so sorry; won't
you forgive me?" her passion was all gone,
and little Amy was forgiven.