

**TWILIGHT-LAND.**

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HERE we are in twilight-land,  
Creakety-creak,  
Rocking-chairs at every hand  
Sway and swing and squeak;  
Here is neither park nor street;  
Bare are the little twinkle feet;  
White are the gowns and loose;  
No place here for ball or bat,  
No need now for coat or hat,  
None for stockings or shoes.

What are the stories of twilight-land?  
Hark, ah hark!  
Call the sweet names where they stand,  
Waiting in the dark.  
Cinderella and little Bo Peep,  
Who lost her sheep, her pretty sheep;  
Jack Horner, bold Boy Blue,  
And the three bears living in the wood,  
And the wolf that ate Red Riding Hood,  
And the spinning pussy, too.

The little children in twilight-land  
Are still as mice,  
And the story-teller must understand  
She's to tell each story twice.  
The crickets chirr, the stars' eyes wink;  
Perhaps the man in the moon may think  
Them saucy in their play;  
But whatever is heard or said or done,  
Each sleepy, weary little one  
Gets rested for next day.

For the pillow is white in twilight-land,  
And white the bed;  
And the tender loving mother's hand  
Is laid on the drowsiest head.  
And list, the tune she hums and sings,  
As with soft creak the rocker swings,  
How far away it seems!  
That tune—that lullaby—ah me!  
They are leaving twilight-land, you see,  
For the stiller land of dreams.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**SECOND QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 30] LESSON X. [June 9

JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

Mark 15. 1-20. Commit to mem. vs. 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him. John 19. 6.

OUTLINE.

1. Pilate and Jesus, v. 1-5.
2. Jesus or Barabbas, v. 6-15.
3. The King of the Jews, v. 16-20.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

To whom was Jesus next taken? To Pilate.

Who was Pilate? The Roman governor.  
What did the Jews hope? That Pilate would condemn Jesus to death.

Why could not the high-priest do this? Because Judea was under the Roman law.

What question did Pilate ask Jesus? "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

What did Jesus confess? That he was their King.

Did he try to answer the charges against him? He did not.

What did Pilate think? That Jesus was innocent.

What did he want to do? To set Jesus free.

What did the Jews call out? "Crucify him!"

Whom did they ask Pilate to release, instead of Jesus? Barabbas, a murderer.

What did Pilate do? He gave up Jesus to be crucified.

What was then done to him? He was scourged.

What did the soldiers then do? They mocked the holy Jesus.

What did they pretend to do? To worship him as a King.

Where was he then taken? To the place of crucifixion.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The Jews choose Barabbas, a robber and murderer, rather than Jesus, the holy Son of God! You say you would not have done that. Answer these questions to yourself:

Do I ever choose to disobey rather than obey?

Do I ever chose falsehood rather than truth?

Do I ever choose self rather than God?

This is the same spirit that chose Barabbas rather than Jesus.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The kingdom of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

11. *Did his soul come from the dust?* No: for the Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

A.D. 30] LESSON XI [June 16

JESUS CRUCIFIED.

Mark 15. 21-34. Commit to mem. vs. 25-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2. 8.

OUTLINE.

1. The Crucified, v. 21-28.
2. The Revilers, v. 29-32.
3. The Darkness, v. 33.
4. The End, v. 34-39.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where was Jesus crucified? At Golgotha, or Calvary.

Who were crucified with him? Two thieves.

At what hour did they crucify him? At nine o'clock in the morning.

Who divided the garments of Jesus? The soldiers.

What title was written over the cross? "The King of the Jews."

How did the crowd treat Jesus? They mocked him with cruel words.

What came over the land at noon? A great darkness.

How long did it last? Three hours.

What fell upon the crowd? A great silence.

What can we never understand? The sufferings of Jesus.

What pressed upon him? The sins of the whole world.

What did he cry at last? "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

What followed? He gave up his life.

At what time did Jesus die? At three o'clock in the afternoon.

For whom did Jesus die? He died for me.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

O, what love, what love I see!  
Jesus died for you and me!  
Jesus died to set us free  
From sin and Satan's power!  
Hear him hear him, little one!  
Look to him, to him alone;  
Love and follow God's dear Son  
Down to life's last hour.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The atonement

CATECHISM QUESTION.

12. *Why did God make man?* God made man that he might know him, and love him, and serve him, and be happy with him for ever.

A HEART OF PRAISE.

WHEN Charlie was four years old his mamma took him to church one day. The minister prayed a long time—too long. Charlie thought, for he stood up and said out so loud that all could hear, "Now let's stop and sing 'Boulah Land.'"

Charlie wanted to praise more and pray less, but he ought not to have talked in prayer-time.