

WHAT LITTLE HANDS CAN DO.

Such little hands! What can they do?
Just wait, and I will hint to you:
These little hands sweet flowers can bring
To make some lonely sufferer sing.
And praise the loving King of heaven,
Who has to us such beauties given.

Any mission work for little feet?
Yes, they can patter down the street;
Bread to the hungry they can take;
Swift errands run for Jesus' sake.
And with these hands some dimes can earn
To help the poor of Christ to learn.

I'll tell you what these eyes can do:
Find Bible promises so true,
To read to those, who, sick and old,
No longer see these words of gold,
If you would make a blind man smile,
Be eyes for him a little while.

Yes, hands and feet and eyes may share
The work which helps to answer prayer.
We pray the hungry may be fed,
To Christ the weary may be led,
The poor be clothed—'tis good to pray
And help somebody every day.

—Selected.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON II. [July 14.]

BEGINNING OF SIN AND REDEMPTION.

Gen. 3. 1-15. Memory verses, 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.—Rom. 5. 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

You should read the whole of the second chapter of Genesis before even looking at the lesson verses. In that you learn how God took thought for the comfort of the man whom he created, and made a friend and companion for him. The man is named Adam, and the woman he made to be his friend and helper was named Eve. They were put in a beautiful garden named Eden, to live, where the Lord told them they might eat of the delicious fruits from all the trees but one. But he said if they ate of that they would surely die.

Do you wonder why the Lord did this? He wanted the man and woman whom he had made to learn to obey and to choose. So he put this tree, which he called "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," there to prove them.

It seems strange that there should be an evil spirit in the beautiful garden, but how much more strange and sad it seems that he should have found his way into the hearts of the holy and happy pair. Read

about it, and you will see how dreadful a thing it is to *choose the wrong*.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was the first man? Adam.
Who was the first woman? Eve.
Where did they live? In Eden.
What grew there? Beautiful fruits.
Who came there and talked with them? God.

What did he tell them to eat? All the fruits but one.

What did he want them to learn? To obey.

What did they do? Ate the forbidden fruit.

When God came, what did they do? Tried to hide.

What can we never do? Hide from God.

Where did God send them? Away from Eden.

What does sin always do? Make trouble.

LESSON III. [July 21.]

NOAH SAVED IN THE ARK.

Gen. 8. 1-22. Memory verses, 20-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.—Gen. 6. 8.

THE LESSON STORY.

To understand this story of beginnings we should read about Cain and Abel in chapter 4, and learn how the first family grew in chapters 5 and 6. Then the sad story of sin comes, and we find that when fifteen hundred years had passed, God said he would send a great flood to wash the wickedness away from the earth. You must read what the ark was like, and all the wonderful story of the saving of Noah and his family. Think how wonderful it was to be the only family left on earth after the forty days of flood! It was like beginning a new world.

Notice that the first thing Noah did when he came out of the ark was to build an altar to the Lord and to worship him. This pleased the Lord, and he said he would make a covenant, which means a promise, never to send another flood upon the earth to destroy the people, even if they should grow wicked again.

When we look at the beautiful rainbow in the sky, do you think that this is the Lord's sign that he does not forget his promise? Let it remind you, too, of his love and mercy which never fail.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did the world grow to be? Very wicked.

What does sin always cause? Great trouble.

What did God send? A great flood.

What good man was living there? Noah.

What did God tell him to build? An ark.

What did he take into the ark? Two of all living things.

Who shut them all into the ark? God.

When did they come out? After the waters went down.

What did they find? A new, clean earth.

What did Noah do first? He worshipped God.

What did God promise? Not to send another flood.

What sign did he set in the sky? A rainbow.

WHAT MOLLY SAID TO PRUDENCE.

"No, my dear Prudence, you cannot go out and play any more to-day; I have some work for you to do. There! Do not cry; no one likes to hear a big child like you cry."

"I want you to hold this skein of wool for me. It won't be long until we have cold weather, and you will need the cover I am going to crochet for your bed."

So saying, little mother Molly took hold of her obstinate little daughter, who wanted to play and did not like to work, and set her up against Jupiter, the elephant, who looked on with a sad countenance. Putting the skein in Prudence's hands, the little mother began to wind the wool into a ball, and continued her lecture.

"Little girls must learn to do as they are told without whining or crying. No one likes lazy children, or little girls that cry when told they must go to bed, or fret when they have a lesson to learn or have to wear an old dress because it's rainy, and they mustn't wear their new one because it might get wet. If you want folks to think you are a nice, polite child, you must say, 'Yes, ma'am,' and 'No, ma'am,' when you are spoken to, and never, never say, 'I won't!' when your mamma, or your teacher, or Rilla, or Fred, asks you to do something you do not want to do. Will you remember what I'm telling you, Prudence?"

But Prudence sat and stared at her little mother, never blinking an eye. We hope she heard, and will do as her mother instructed her to do. If she does, she will be an obedient dolly and all will love her, as they do her mamma when she is an obedient child.—*Sunday-school Evangelist*.

GENTLEMAN DICK.

BY FANSY.

"Where is your umbrella?" I asked little Dick one rainy day, when I met him coming from school without any.

"Oh, I lent it to the girls," he said. "They hadn't any. Ladies first, always, mother says."

Sure enough! The two little girls behind him were keeping dry under his umbrella, in spite of their old thin jackets.—*Selected*.