

AT THE DOOR.

"We will watch the old year out to-night,
And the new year in!" Ned cried.
Then three-year-old baby Winnie
Crept up to her mother's side,
And out from under her curly pate,
Where queer little questions grow,
Came: "Mamma, how do ve new years
come?
And where do ve old ones go?"

And mamma, with a bright smile, told
her:

"My dear little Winnie wee,
That is very hard to answer;
You shall watch with us and see!"
And so when night drew the curtains dark
And snug upon every side,
Little Win climbed into her high-chair,
Her blue eyes bright and wide.

But the minutes passed so slowly,
With so many in an hour,
That long before it was over
She felt the Sandman's power;

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LESSON I. [Jan. 4.

PAUL AND SILAS AT PHILIPPI.

Acts 16. 22-34. Memorize verses 29-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16. 31.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What came upon Paul and Silas? Why
did the masters of the fortune teller hate
them? How were they treated in prison?
Were Paul and Silas troubled? What did
they do at midnight? Who heard them?
How could they be happy? They trusted
in God. What happened to them? Why
was the jailer so terrified? Why did he
try to kill himself? He knew that he
would be killed for letting his prisoners
go. Who called to him? What question
did the jailer ask of Paul and Silas?

LESSON II. [Jan. 11.

CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Phil. 4. 1-13. Memorize verses 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Rejoice in the Lord alway.—Phil. 4. 4.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where was Paul when he wrote to the
Philippians? At Rome. Why? He was
a prisoner. What did he do? He
preached to all who came to him. What
else did he do? He wrote letters to the
churches. What does he call the church of
the Philippians? What does he bid them
do? "Stand fast in the Lord." What
good advice does he give them? He tells
them to "rejoice in the Lord alway."
What does he tell them to think about?
(Verse 8.) What had Paul learned?
What did he say he could do? Through
whom?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the beginning of Paul's let-
ter. Phil. 1. 1-13.



SANTA CLAUS ON HIS ROUNDS.

And two little fringed white curtains
Were cropping low and lower,
When there came a timid summons
Against the outer door.

She was wide awake that instant,
And gazing all around,
When once again she heard it,
That gentle, asking sound.
Mamma knew 'twas Deg Rollo,
Not so did Baby Wi.
"O mamma, hear ve Year,
A-scratchin' to det in!"

It was recess time, and the little girls
were having a fine game. Then, some-
how, Clara tore her white apron sadly.
"Oh!" she cried, "I want o run home
and tell mother, quick!" "What's the
use?" asked Margie. She'll see it soon
enough without being told." "I never
tell my mother when I tear my clothes,"
said Ella. "Well, I do," said Clara
stoutly, "just as soon as I can. The
longer you wait, the harder it is to tell."
And off she ran.

What did they tell him to do? How did
he show that he truly believed? What
good came from putting the apostles in
jail? A whole family was converted.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the story of the fortune teller.
Acts 16. 16-19.
Tues. Read of the trouble this made.
Acts 16. 22-34.
Wed. Learn some of Paul's traits. 2
Cor. 11. 24-27.
Thur. Learn what Paul and Silas did.
Psa. 34. 1.
Fri. Learn the great lesson the jailer
learned. Golden Text.
Sat. Find why Paul loved to preach
the Gospel. Rom. 1. 16.
Sun. Learn why the jailer rejoiced.
Rom. 5. 10, 11.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—
1. That God is with us in trouble.
2. That he can always make a way out
of it.
3. That he can bring good out of evil.

Tues. Find who was with Paul. Phil.
2. 19-30.
Wed. Read Paul's little story of himself.
Phil. 3. 5-14.
Thur. Read Paul's last benediction. 2
Tim. 4. 22.
Fri. Learn Golden Text.
Sat. Read Paul's last words from Rome.
2 Tim. 4. 6-9.
Sun. Find who was with Paul to the
last. 2 Tim. 4. 11.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—
1. That we can work for Christ any-
where.
2. That we can rejoice always.
3. That good thoughts are best.

Jesus said: "Go work in my vineyard,
for the harvest is great and the labourers
are few." These are some of the good
things that we can do: Obey our parents,
be kind to each other, and speak gently
to every one.—Selected.