

MARIE'S ACCIDENT.

BY DELIA HART STONE.

"Now tell me why you cry, Marie?"  
"I've had an accident," sobbed she.

"Where are your bruises? Deary me!  
What was your accident, Marie?"

"I almost tumbled down," she said,  
"And very nearly bumped my head."  
—*St. Nicholas.*

"IDA SPIED A SPIDER."

BY CLARA ANDREWS WILLIAMS.

Ida spied a spider,  
And she was sore dismayed.  
She did not dare to kill the thing,  
For that might rainy morrow bring.  
Alive, she was afraid.  
And while she stood considering,  
The spider guessed her plan.  
He thought it wiser not to wait,  
And so away he ran.

LESSON NOTES.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED  
IN THE GOSPELS.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON X.—JUNE 3.

THE GENTILE WOMAN'S FAITH.

Mark 7. 24-30. Memory verse, 30.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Great is thy faith; be it unto thee even  
as thou wilt.—Matt. 15. 28.

LESSON STORY.

We may think this a strange answer that Jesus gave to this poor Greek woman who was in such distress about her daughter. It may seem unkind until we know its purpose and its meaning. For Jesus is too wise to err, too loving to be unkind. This sad-hearted woman knew this, and she had faith that he could cure her daughter.

When Jesus said let the children first be fed, by the children were meant the Jews, and the dogs were the Gentiles. She knew that Jesus was a Jew and that he had come to save the Jews, but she knew also that he was so large-hearted his love embraced Gentiles as well, and even though it was only crumbs she could get, she would be glad of them. She was not proud, but humble and sure in her faith.

Jesus rewarded this faith by curing her daughter.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who fell at Jesus' feet? A poor Gentile woman.
2. What did she ask? That Jesus would cure her daughter.

3. What did Jesus preach? About the children being fed first.

4. What did she reply? That the dogs might have the crumbs.

5. Was she willing to take crumbs? Yes, and thankful.

6. Did this show her faith? Yes, and Jesus rewarded it by curing her daughter.

LESSON XI.—JUNE 10.

PETER'S GREAT CONFESSION.

Matt. 16. 13-28. Memory verses, 24, 25.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God.—Matt. 16. 16.

LESSON STORY.

As Jesus taught and wrought miracles among the people, they saw plainly that he was no ordinary man. Some thought he was John the Baptist, some Elias, and some Jeremiah or some other prophet. Jesus one day asked his disciples whom they thought he was. Peter, who was always the first to answer, replied: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. From that time on Jesus began to let his disciples know that his end was not far off. When he spoke of the manner of it, of the suffering and insult, they were grieved, and Peter said: This must not happen to thee. Here Jesus was saddened to think he was so little understood. Then he explained the beautiful truths that one must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Jesus, and that if one loses his life for Christ's sake he shall find it. For what profit to gain the whole world at the expense of one's soul?

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Who did some people think Jesus was? John the Baptist, Elias, Jeremiah, or some other prophet.
2. Whom did the disciples say he was? The Son of God.
3. Did they understand the meaning and reason of his death? No.
4. What must we do? Deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus.
5. Who will save his life for ever? He who gives it up for Jesus' sake.
6. Which is most important, the whole world or our soul? Our soul.
7. What can man give in exchange for his soul? Nothing.

THE BIRD AND THE BATTLE.

During the summer of 1690 there was a war in England, and the soldiers suffered very much. One evening, after a long march, they were so tired that they lay down for a short sleep, when it would have been wiser and better had they remained on the watch for the enemy.

Among the soldiers, so the oft-told story

goes, was a little drummer boy, whose eyes, like those of his elders, were fast shut.

Just before he fell asleep he had been eating his rations, and some crumbs of bread had dropped on the head of his drum.

A little wren perched overhead in one of the trees saw these crumbs and flew down to eat them. As she hopped about on the drum the tapping of her beak awakened the little drummer. He opened his eyes, and was startled to see the enemy advancing. Quickly he beat the signal of alarm, which roused the soldiers and put them on their defence.

The skill of the king, William the Third, won that day, July 12, 1690, the battle of the Boyne; but if it had not been for a little wren the fortune of the day might have been very different.

A LITTLE LESSON.

"O, Miss May, I think Florence is a horrid little girl!"

"But do you love her?"

"Love her? But how can I, when she is horrid?"

"Jesus loves her."

"But Jesus loves everybody."

"And we try to do as Jesus does, and as he wants us to do, don't we?"

The little girl looked away at a house across the street.

"Let me tell you something," said Miss May, earnestly: "If you begin with loving people, you will never know whether they are horrid or not."

"But how can I ever do it?"

"Jesus does. Will you try to think of that when the 'can't-bear' feeling comes?"

"I'll try."

A GOOD WAY.

"Come and play tennis with us, Harry," said Nellie.

"Oh, I can't; I want to go and sail my ship. You and Ruthie come with me and see how she slides over the water; then I'll play tennis with you afterwards. Folks ought to give up to each other about their play."

"But why should Ruthie and I give up more than you?" asked Nellie. "Let's ask mamma." So they went to mamma.

"Mamma," said Nellie, "Ruthie and I want to play tennis with Harry, and Harry wants to sail his boat."

"Then some one must give up," said mamma, smiling. "I think a kind boy would be willing to play tennis first and sail his boat afterward. But the girls must be careful and not be selfish. They may give up next time."

"All right," said Harry; "we'll play tennis first."