

"To recite our lessons with," replied another.

"Yes; and I will tell you what He did not make it for. He did not make it for us to scold with, to lie with, or to swear with. He did not mean that we should say unkind, foolish, indecent, or impatient words with it. Now, boys, think every time you use your tongues if you are using them in the way God means you to. Do good with your tongues, and not evil. It is one of the most useful members of the whole body, although it is so small. Please God with it every day."

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 1739.] LESSON IV. [Oct. 24.
JACOB'S PREVAILING PRAYER; or, Blessed with Power.
Gen. 28. 9-12; 29-30. Commit to memory verses 26-30.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.
Luke 18. 1.

OUTLINE.

1. Prayer, v. 9-12, 22, 23.
2. Persistence, v. 24-26.
3. Power, 27-30.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *Prayer*, v. 9-12, 22, 23.—Where was Jacob now going? Back to the land of Canaan. How long had he been away? Twenty-one years. At what place was he? At the brook Jabok. [Find it on the map.] For what did he pray? For safety from his brother Esau. How did he show his thanks to God? [Read verse 10.] What promise of God did he plead? [Read verse 12.]

2. *Persistence*, v. 24-26.—How did he prepare to meet Esau? By sending forward his family. What did he then do? He prayed to God. What took place by the brook? Some one wrestled with him. Who was it? God, in the form of a man. How long did Jacob wrestle with him? All night. What did God say to Jacob? "Let me go, for the day breaketh." How did Jacob answer him? "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." What did this show? Earnestness and persevering prayer. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT.

3. *Power*, v. 27-30.—How did God bless Jacob? By giving him a new name. What was his new name? Israel, which means "the prince of God." What did God say to him? "Thou hast power with God and with men." What did Jacob say afterward? "I have seen God face to face." What name did he give to the place? Peniel, "the face of God."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Tell God all your troubles.
2. Pray very earnestly for what you need.
3. Do not cease to pray until you cease to need.
4. Have a place where you can pray alone.

B.C. 1728.] LESSON V. [Oct. 31.
JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT; or, The Innocent Sufferer.
Gen. 37. 1-5, 23-36. Commit to memory verses 32-35.

GOLDEN TEXT

Who is able to stand before envy? Prov. 27. 4.

OUTLINE.

1. Beloved, v. 1-3.
2. Envied, v. 4, 5.
3. Betrayed, v. 23-29.
4. Mourned, v. 30-36.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *Beloved*, v. 1-3.—Who was the beloved son of Jacob? Joseph. Why did Jacob love Joseph the most of any of his children? Because he was the son of his old age. How did he show Joseph favour? By giving him a mantle, or robe, of bright colours. Was it right for Jacob to love one of his children more than another? It was wrong.

2. *Envied*, v. 4, 5.—What was the result of Jacob's favour toward Joseph? He was envied by his brothers. How did they show their envy? By treating him unkindly. What cause of hate did Joseph give them? By telling his dream. What was his dream? That their sheaves in the field bowed down before his. What did this mean? That his brothers would bow down to him. How did his brothers feel at this? They were very angry against him.

3. *Betrayed*, v. 23-29.—What took place with Joseph? His father sent him on an errand to his brothers. Where were they? At Dothan, feeding their flocks. What did they do with him when he came to them? They cast him into an empty cistern in the ground. What did they intend to do? To kill their brother. What did they finally do? They sold him to some men passing by. Where did these people take Joseph? To Egypt.

4. *Mourned*, v. 30-36.—What did Joseph's brothers do with his bright mantle? They covered it with blood. What did they then do? They showed it to his father. What did he say when he saw it? [Read verse 33.] How did he feel? He was very sad, and mourned long for his son. Where was Joseph all this time? He was a slave in Egypt. To whom had he been sold? To Potiphar, an officer of King Pharaoh.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Don't be envious of others.
2. Don't be selfish.
3. Don't try to hide your wrong acts.
4. Be kind toward others.