

pleasant work too. The sun shone brightly, and the yellow-brown corn was a pretty sight, while the birds sang overhead as if they rejoiced in the bountiful harvest.

Gleaning is spoken of in very early times in the Bible. God commanded the children of Israel not to reap every corner of their fields, but to leave some for the gleaners. And you remember the lovely story of Ruth, how she went gleaning, and how kind Boaz was to her, telling his men to let fall some handfuls on purpose for her, so that she had quite a supply to take home.

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#### Our Father.

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"Do you take care of yourselves, little ones?" asked this good woman. "God takes care of us," said one of them.

"And what have you to eat?"

"When Granny comes home she fetches us something. She says God has got enough. Granny calls us God's sparrows; and we say, 'Our Father' and 'give us daily bread,' every day. God is our Father."

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