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ALMOST A MAN.

I don't wear dresses any more—
See my coat and breeches,
Cuffs and collar, pockets, too.
Made with many stitches!
I must have a watch and chain,
A silk umbrella and a cane.
No more kilts and skirts for me—
I'm a big boy, don't you see?

You can give away my dresses
And my other baby clothes,
Give away my horse with rockers—
I want one that really goes.
But two nice goats, I guess, will do,
And I want a carriage, too;
No more chairs hitched up for me—
I'm too big for that, you see!

I think I'll give my picture-books
To little sister Mary;
I'll go to school and learn to read
In the big dictionary;
Or maybe in a geography
Or arithmetic or history.
They're just about the size for me;
For I'm a big boy, don't you see?

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON I. [Oct. 5.]

JOSHUA ENCOURAGED.

Josh. 1. 1-11. Memorize verses 8, 9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be strong and of good courage.—Josh. 1. 9.

THE LESSON STORY.

Two weeks ago we came to the end of the story of Moses. God called him home, after showing him the land of Canaan beyond Jordan. Moses was the greatest and the humblest man among all the people of Israel, and, though he was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, he was still strong in mind and body.

After the Lord had sent his angels to bury the body of Moses in a valley in the land of Moab he spoke to Joshua, the son of Nun, who had been Moses' helper. He told him to rise and go over Jordan with all the people of Israel. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon," he said, "that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." He also told him that no man should be able to stand before him all the days of his life. "As I was with Moses," he said, "so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Three times he said to him, "Be strong, and of a good courage"—those good words that have been a help to both Jews and Christians ever since. There was one thing, however, on which all else depended. Joshua was to obey the law

given by Moses, think about it night and day, and teach it to the people, for only by doing what God had commanded could they overcome their enemies and enter their own land. And what God says to Joshua he also says to us.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where was Moses now? God had taken him away.
Who was the new leader of the people? Joshua.
What had Joshua been? The friend and helper of Moses.
What did the Lord know? That he was always faithful.
What did he tell him now to do? To go over Jordan.
Who should go with him? All the people.
What was on the other side of Jordan? Canaan.
What was this to be? Their home.
Who wanted to keep them out of it? Enemies.
What did the Lord say? "Be strong."
What did he tell them to do? Keep his commandments.
What did he promise? To be with them.

LESSON II.

[Oct. 12.]

CROSSING THE JORDAN.

Josh. 3. 9-17. Memorize verses 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43. 2.

THE LESSON STORY.

When the day they had so longed for really came, and the children of Israel were to pass over Jordan, Joshua called the people together, saying, "Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God." Then he told them that the living God was among them, and that he would drive out the heathen nations from their land. He told them, also, how the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth should pass before them over Jordan, and that the waters should part before them and make a path through the river for them. So it was, but they had to trust God to do as he had said, and go forward. Not until the feet of the priests who carried the ark touched the river brim, and were tipped in the water, did the waters part and make a path for them. Then the waters that came stood up in a heap, and the waters that went ran down to the Dead Sea, and the priests with the ark stood firm in the midst of Jordan until all the hundreds of thousands of Israel had passed over. So, just as they were led through the Red Sea when they came out of Egypt, they were led through the Jordan as they came out of the wilderness into the promised land. When all had passed over, twelve men—one from each of the twelve tribes—took up twelve stones

from the river bed where the priests bearing the ark stood, and carried them over to the place where they were to encamp, and there they piled them up for a monument in memory of that day.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did Joshua tell the people? To cross the Jordan.
What was the Jordan? A deep, wide river.
What did they fear? That they would be drowned.
What did Joshua say? That the Lord was among them.
What did he say would go first? The holy ark.
Of what was this the sign? Of God's presence.
When are we always safe? When God is near.
Who carried the ark? The priests.
How did they cross the river? God made a path.
What did they set up on the other side? Twelve stones.
What were the stones for? To help them remember.
What did they want to remember? God's goodness.

KING ALCOHOL.

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There is a king doth rule the land,
From all he takes his toll;
Destruction follows in his path,
His name is King Alcohol.

He takes the young man in his strength,
With hopes so bright and fair;
Fair prospects wither 'neath his blight,
For hope he gives despair.

The mature man with ripened powers,
For country's use and weal;
Lo! manhood shrivels at his touch,
E'er reason's throne doth reel.

The mother's sigh, the orphan's tear,
Attest his ruthless reign;
O'er bleeding hearts he tramples still,
He bears the mark of Cain.

O thou great God, in whom we trust,
Our refuge and our tower;
Stay thou this foul king's onward march,
Stretch forth thine arm with power.

A BAD HABIT PUT AWAY.

Bertie is a little boy who has a bad habit of saying: "I don't care." One day Aunt Nell said to him: "Bertie, will you do an errand for me?"

"O yes, ma'am," cried Bertie, "what is it?"

"Take your naughty 'don't care' away up in the garret and hide it."

Bertie laughed, and then looked sober. Then he said, "I will, Aunt Nell;" and away he ran. He must have hidden it very carefully, for he has not found it yet.—*Selected.*