

A RHYME FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Oh, I'll tell you a story that nobody knows,  
Of ten little fingers and ten little toes,  
Of two pretty eyes and one little nose,  
And where they all went one day.

Oh, the little round nose smelled something  
sweet,—  
So sweet it must surely be nice to eat,—  
And patter away went two little feet  
Out of the room one day.

Ten little toes climbed up on a chair,  
Two eyes peeped over a big shelf where  
Lay a lovely cake, all frosted and fair,  
Made by mamma that day.

The mouth grow round and the eyes  
grew big  
At taste of the sugar, the spice, the fig;  
And ten little fingers went dig, dig, dig,  
Into the cake that day.

And when mamma kissed a curly head,  
Cuddling it closely up in bed,  
"I wonder, was there a mouse," she said,  
"Out on the shelf to-day?"

"Oh mamma, yes!" and a laugh of glee  
Like fairy bells rang merrily—  
"But the little bit of a mouse was me,  
Out on the shelf to-day!"

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

A.D. 27.] LESSON V. [Nov. 4.

JESUS LORD OF THE SABBATH.

Mark 2. 23-28; 3. 1-5. Memory verses, 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.—Mark 2. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. The Withered Heart, v. 23-28.
2. The Withered Hand, v. 1-5.

EVERYDAY HELPS.

Mon. Read lesson verses very carefully. Mark 2. 23-28; 3. 1-5.

Tues. Learn how fault-finding the Jews were. Mark 2. 6, 7, 16, 24.

Wed. Learn why the Sabbath day is holy. Gen. 2. 3.

Thur. Learn the fourth commandment.

Fri. Learn who is Lord of the Sabbath. Golden Text.

Sat. Find what Jesus said to the Pharisees. Matt. 12. 6-8.

Sun. Learn God's Word about the Sabbath. Isa. 58. 13, 14.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where did Jesus walk one Sabbath day? Who were with him? What did the disciples do as they walked? Was this right? Yes, it was according to Jewish law. Who saw this? What did they say?

What did the Pharisees think themselves to be? Very good.

What did Jesus tell them? What had he come to show men? The right way to keep God's day.

Where did Jesus go another Sabbath? Who was there? Why did the Pharisees watch Jesus? Did Jesus know what they thought? What did Jesus ask them? What did he do? What is the true law of the Sabbath?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That Jesus made God's day holy by doing good.

That Jesus is my great Example.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What sort of a place is heaven? Heaven is a place of light and glory.

How will good men live there? Good men will live in heaven in perfect joy forever.

A.D. 27.] LESSON VI. [Nov. 11.

THE TWELVE CHOSEN.

Mark 3. 6-19. Memory verses, 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit.—John 15. 16.

OUTLINE.

1. Christ's Enemies, v. 6.
2. Christ's Friends, v. 7-12.
3. Christ's Messengers, v. 13-19.

EVERYDAY HELPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses carefully. Mark 3. 6-19.

Tues. Learn the Golden Text.

Wed. Learn the names of the apostles.

Thur. Find what their work was to be. Verses 14, 15.

Fri. Learn why God sent his Son to us. John 3. 16.

Sat. Find who sends us out to help. John 17. 18.

Sun. Learn who calls us to work for him. John 15. 16.

DO YOU KNOW—

What evil plan did the Pharisees make? Who hated Jesus? Why? What did the Pharisees pretend? Could they hide their sin from Jesus?

Where did Jesus go? Who went with him? Who came to hear him preach? What did Jesus do for sick souls and bodies? Can he do the same kind of work now?

Where did he go after this? (Verse 13.) Who came to him? How many did he choose to be with him? What did he send them to do? What are they called? What does "apostle" mean? Messenger, or, Sent out. Has Jesus messengers now?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That Jesus calls me. Verse 13.

That if I am a disciple I may be "with him." Verse 14.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Why will their joy be perfect? Because they will be always with the Lord.

Will they suffer anything there? Good men will suffer nothing in heaven they will have no want nor pain nor sin.

AN ANT HILL.

WHETHER you live in the city or the country, you can surely find an ant hill. How the little ants hurry about! Let us watch them. In each tiny ant hill there is one mother with many, many baby ants. Each baby ant has a nurse. Every day each nurse-ant takes her baby, or pupa, as such a baby is called, up out of the ant hill and leaves it in the sun for an airing. When it begins to rain or any danger comes near, how fast the little nurses scamper to pick up their babies and hurry them down into the house! The mother is called the queen ant. She never goes out into the sun, but always stays down in the ant-hill home. She does no work, and all the little nurses scamper about and wait upon her; but she lays the tiny eggs from which all pupae, or baby ants, are hatched.

Some children destroy every ant-hill they find; but I think it is much pleasanter to sit down by these dear little homes and watch the busy little workers and learn all about them; don't you?

THE SUN'S TINY LOVERS.

DID you ever notice how birds love the sunshine? How gleefully they sing in the early morning when the first rays of the king of day shine forth upon the earth! The students of nature who watch the feathered tribes closely have found that they are sad and mournful when the bright sun says "good-night."

The birds that stay with us in the North through the winter's cold are apt to be found at sunset on the banks facing the west, or on the tops of trees where the wind is not blowing.

Those who live near the mountains have noticed that all the birds betake themselves in the morning to the eastern slopes and banks, where they can see the first gleams of sunlight. As eventide approaches, they fly to the slopes that face westward, as if they were devoted subjects, happy only in the presence of their sovereign.

In the winter every bird and animal keeps in the sunshine if possible. It takes intense fright to drive them into the shade for fancied safety.

It is said of the golden plovers that in the evening they ascend from slope to slope of the hills, to keep the sun in sight as long as it is above the horizon. On the topmost height they gather in solemn assembly as it sinks from view, reminding one of ancient fire-worshippers, who made the sun their chief god. After the golden globe can no longer be seen, they remember their hunger and hasten to their feeding-places. Is not this proof that birds manifest wonderful intelligence?