

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

I'm not too young to love the Lord  
Who does so much for me ;  
My blessings come alone from God :  
How thankful I should be !

I'm not too young a prayer to raise  
To God who dwells on high ;  
He'll listen to my song of praise  
And hear my feeble cry.

I'm not too young for Christ to save ;  
He even died for me.  
Yes, he his life for children gave  
And will their Saviour be.

O Saviour, listen to my prayer,  
And change this heart of mine :  
Oh, take me in thy loving care,  
And make me wholly thine.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON VII. [August 16.]

SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID.

1 Sam. 18. 5-16. Memorize verses 12-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What did Saul do for David ? Who became David's close friend ? What did he give him ? What did the people think of David ? What did the women sing when they met Saul ? How did Saul feel about it ? What old enemy came back into his heart ? What did David try to do for him ? Could he help him ? What did Saul do to David ? Who saved David from death ? Why was he always spared ? *Because he was to be king of Israel.* What office was given David ? What did Saul always hope ? *That he would be killed in war.* What did Saul know ? Did he try to kill David again ? *Yes ; many times.* Which was the happier, the king or his servant David ?

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read how David found a friend. 1 Sam. 18. 1-4.
- Tues. Read the lesson verses. 1 Sam. 18. 5-16.
- Wed. Learn the Golden Text.
- Thur. Tell some one the story of David and Goliath. 1 Sam. 17.
- Fri. Find what David said of his enemy. Psa. 18. 17-19.
- Sat. Find what enemies David had later. Psa. 40. 12.
- Sun. Read a promise for us. Luke 1. 71-75.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That when in trouble God gives us friends.
2. That no enemy can harm us if we trust in God.
3. That if we trust we cannot be afraid.

LESSON VIII. [August 23.]

DAVID AND JONATHAN.

1 Sam. 20. 12-23. Memorize verses 14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. 18. 24.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What was Saul doing ? Whom did David love for ? Did he go to him ? What did Jonathan try to do ? What did the two make ? What did Jonathan advise David to do ? At what great stone were they to meet ? Can you tell what the arrows were to tell David ? How did Saul act at the feast ? *He was angry.* What did he do to Jonathan ? Where did Jonathan send his arrows ? *Beyond ; meaning, "the Lord hath sent thee away."* What did he then do ? *Sent away his armour-bearer.* What did David and Jonathan do ? What then became of David ?

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read how Jonathan made peace. 1 Sam. 19. 1-7.
- Tues. Read how Saul broke his promise. 1 Sam. 19. 8-17.
- Wed. Find who gave David a home. 1 Sam. 19. 18.
- Thur. Read a talk between two friends. 1 Sam. 20. 1-10.
- Fri. Read the lesson verses. 1 Sam. 20. 12-23.
- Sat. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sun. Find the words of the best Friend. Matt. 28. 20.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That friends are better than riches.
2. That love is of God.
3. That true love lasts for ever.

THE HAPPY BOY.

A deaf and dumb boy was once asked if he was happy. His answer was:

"I have God for my Father, Jesus for my Saviour, the Holy Spirit for my sanctifier, and heaven for my home. Yes, I am happy."

Dear little friend, can you say as much ?

In some parts of Africa salt is so hard to get that people will sell their children to buy it. Think of that ! And if the children are given their choice between sugar or salt, they will choose salt !

THEY DIDN'T THINK.

Once a trap was baited  
With a piece of cheese ;  
It tickled so a mouse's nose,  
It almost made him sneeze.  
An old mouse said, "There's danger ;  
Be careful where you go."  
"Nonsense!" said the other,  
"I don't think you know!"  
So he walked in boldly—  
Nobody in sight ;  
First he took a nibble,  
Then he took a bite ;  
Closed the trap together,  
Snapped as quick as wink,  
Catching mousie fast there,  
Because he "didn't think."

Once a little turkey,  
Fond of her own way,  
Wouldn't ask the old ones  
Where to go or stay.  
She said, "I am not a baby,  
Here I am half-grown ;  
Surely I am large enough  
To run about alone!"  
Off she went, but somebody  
Hiding saw her pass ;  
Soon, like snow, her feathers  
Covered all the grass ;  
So she made a supper  
For a sly old mink,  
Because she was so headstrong  
That she "wouldn't think."

Once there was a robin,  
Lived outside the door,  
Who wanted to go inside  
And hop upon the floor.  
"Oh, no," said his mother ;  
"You must stay with me,  
Little birds are safest,  
Sitting in a tree."  
"I don't care," said the robin,  
And gave his tail a fling,  
"I don't think the old folks  
Know quite everything."  
Down he flew, and Kitty seized him,  
Ere he'd time to blink ;  
"Oh," he cried, "I'm sorry,  
But I didn't think!"

Now, my little children,  
You who hear this song,  
Don't you see that trouble  
Comes of thinking wrong ?  
And can't you take a warning  
From their dreadful fate,  
Who began their thinking  
When it was too late ?  
Don't think there's always safety  
When no dangers show.  
Don't suppose you know more  
Than your parents know.  
But when you're warned of ruin,  
Pause upon the brink,  
Don't go under headlong,  
Because you "didn't think."