

put of thy daughter," and she ran home full of joy to find her daughter lying quietly upon her bed and in her right mind.

When Jesus came back to Galilee a poor deaf and dumb man was brought to him for healing, and when the people saw that the man could hear and speak they cried, "He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

To what country did Jesus go? To Phenicia.

What were the people of this land? Gentiles.

Had none of them heard of Jesus? A few.

What great cities were there? Tyre and Sidon.

Who cried after Jesus? A woman of that country.

Whom did she want healed? Her little daughter.

Why did Jesus turn from her? He wanted to see how earnest she was.

What did he tell her at last? That he came to the Jews.

Did that discourage her? No.

What did Jesus see? That she had true faith.

What did he do for her? All that she asked.

What may we learn from this? That Jesus will answer us too.

LESSON I.—APRIL 3.

EASTER LESSON.

John 20. 11-18. Memorize verses 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.—John 20. 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

This lesson teaches us the beautiful story of the resurrection from the dead of our dear Lord and Saviour. When the wicked men crucified him—they did not know that he was the Lord of all life, and that the grave could not hold his body. If they had been willing to hear his word and believe it, they would have known this great truth.

On the morning of the third day after his death, he rose from the tomb, for life is stronger than death, and the first one to see him alive was Mary Magdalene, who had come early to his tomb to weep there. It was in the beautiful springtime, and the morning sun was just beginning to shine on the first day of the week, which has ever since been called the Lord's Day, because it was the day upon which he came back from death. Mary found the tomb empty, and she stood weeping beside it when she heard a dear voice saying, "Why weepest thou?" She did not know that it was Jesus, but thought it was the gardener, and begged him to tell her where the body

of her Lord had been taken. Then Jesus spoke her name tenderly, and she knew his voice and worshipped him. Then he gave her the joy of carrying the news of his resurrection to the disciples.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who is the Lord of all life? Jesus.

Who gave us our life? It came from the Lord of life.

Can his life ever die? No, it must live for ever.

What will die some day? The body which holds the life.

When did Jesus rise? On the first Lord's Day.

What do we call this day? Sunday. How long was Jesus in the tomb? A little more than two days.

Who first saw him alive? Mary.

Why did she go to his tomb? Because she loved him.

What did Jesus say to her? "Why weepest thou?"

When did Mary know his voice? When he spoke her name.

What sweet errand did he give her to do? To go to tell the disciples.

LESSON II.—APRIL 10.

PETER CONFESSES THE CHRIST.

Mark 8. 27-38. Memorize verses 34, 35.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16. 16.

THE LESSON STORY.

Jesus, who knew the thoughts and the hopes and the fears of all hearts, said one day to his disciples, "Whom do men say that I am?" They told him that he was called John the Baptist, or one of the prophets. "But whom say ye that I am?" he asked again, for he wanted them to speak their real thought. Then Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is said in the gospel of Matthew that Jesus blessed Peter for those words, saying that no man, but God only, had given them to him, and he called him again Peter, which means rock, and which also means the solid foundation rock of faith, and added that upon this rock he would build his church.

After this he began to teach his disciples what they did not like to hear—that he must suffer many things, be rejected, crucified, and rise again, and Peter, who was full of the faith that his Master would not die, but be a great king, began to say that it must not be. But Jesus knew how much he must suffer to save us, and told him that his thought was not God's thought. Then he tried to explain to them a great truth which they could not then understand, and which you cannot yet understand, that we must begin to die to self before we can begin to live to God, and that one soul outweighs the whole world.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did Jesus ask his disciples?

"Whom do men say that I am?"

What did they reply? "John the Baptist or one of the prophets."

What did he then ask them? "Whom say ye that I am?"

What did Peter say? "Thou art the Christ of God."

Did this please Jesus? Yes.

Why? Because it was the only true answer.

What did he find in Peter? Faith.

What did Jesus say he would build on faith? His Church.

What did he begin to tell them? Of his coming death.

Could they understand this? No.

Why? Because they believed he would be king of the Jews.

What was a still harder lesson? The death of self.

AN EASTER CAROL.

BY LILLIAN GREY.

All hail to the morning!

The clouds flee away,

The mourning is ended,

Joy cometh to-day;

By the cross and the grave-side our sad

watch is done,

For the Saviour is risen, his victory won.

O earth, give him greeting,

And hail him as king!

O friends, in your gladness,

Sweet offering bring!

The dawn of his Easter all sorrow uplifts,

Then lay on his altar the fairest of gifts.

Bring roses for love,

And for victory palms;

Upraise in his honour

The grandest of psalms;

Bring smilax and lilies the cross to adorn,

And sing hallelujahs this glad Easter morn.

O Christ of the manger!

O Christ of the Cross!

Whose love bought so dearly

Our gain by thy loss,

Thou hast wrested from death his proud

sceptre and crown,

He has laid at thy feet his brief victory

down.

O flowers, bloom in beauty!

And sing, young and old!

Though the joy of the Easter

Can never be told.

But sing and rejoice, with your banners

unfurled,

For the Christ that was slain is the Life

of the World.

If all Christians would keep wide awake, no sinner could sleep.