

TELLING A STORY.

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LITTLE blue-eyes is sleepy;
Come here and be rocked to sleep.
What shall I tell you, darling?
The story of Little Bo-Peep,
Or of the cows in the garden?
The children that ran away?
Of all the old, old stories,
What shall I tell you, pray?

'Tell me'—the sleepy eyes opened
Like violets when they blow—
"The 'tory of him in 'e manger,
The 'ittle Trist-child 'ou know.
I like to hear that 'tory
The best of all 'ou tell."
And I clasped my darling closer
As the twilight shadows fell.

And sitting there in the twilight,
I told my child again
Of Christ who was born in a manger,
And died for the souls of men;
And telling the dear old story
To the child upon my breast,
I saw his eyes close softly,
And he dropped away to rest.

And I prayed as I kissed him softly,
He might always love to hear
The story of Christ and the manger,
That now he held so dear.
Pray God he may never forget it,
But, drawn by the love so sweet,
He may sit, like the old disciples,
And learn at the Master's feet.

—Companion.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 58.] [June 24.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

1. Cor. 8. 1-13 Commit to memory vs. 9-11

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. 1 Cor. 8. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. Knowledge.
2. Liberty.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who was the apostle to the Gentiles? Paul.
To whom did he write this letter? To the church at Corinth.
Who worshipped idols? The heathen Corinthians.
What did the Christian Corinthians ask? if this was not wrong.

Whom do Christians worship? God, our Father.

Who is our Saviour and brother? Jesus Christ.

What has he taught us? That all men are brothers.

What should brothers try to do? To help one another.

How can they often do this? By self-denial.

Did Paul say it was wrong to eat this meat? No; but it is wrong to offend a weak brother.

What does Paul call this? A sin against Christ.

What does the law of love forbid? The use of wine or strong drink.

If we are strong why may we not use it? For the sake of weak ones.

Who died for the weak ones? Christ.

Why did he die for them? Because he loved them.

What will love for him lead us to do? To deny self for their sakes.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

<i>Self</i>	<i>Christ</i>
Loves its own.	Loves others.
Seeks its own.	Seeks others.
Forgets others.	Forgets self.
"Even Christ pleased not himself."	

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian liberty.

GATECHISM.

Let me hear you repeat the Lord's prayer.
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON I. [July 1.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL.

Exod. 24. 1-12 Commit to memory vs. 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. Heb. 8. 10.

OUTLINE.

1. The Covenant of Israel.
2. The God of Israel.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did God give to the Israelites from Mount Sinai? The ten commandments.
Whom did he then call near to him? Moses.

What did he give Moses? Many laws for the people.

What did the people say when they heard them? [Read ver. 3]

What did Moses then build? An altar of sacrifice.

With what did he sprinkle the altar and people? With the blood of the sacrifices.

What did he call this? The blood of the covenant.

Of what was the blood a type? Of the blood of Jesus.

What was the covenant? An agreement. Between whom was this agreement made? Between the Lord and the Israelites.

What did the Israelites agree to do? To obey the Lord.

What did the Lord promise? To bless them if they obeyed.

How is God's covenant with us sealed? By the blood of Jesus.

Where was Moses then taken? Up into the mount with God.

What did God give to him there? The tables of stone.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God's call to Moses, "Come up unto the Lord."
Jesus's call to you, "Come unto me."
God had something to give to Moses.
Jesus has something to give to you.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The nearness of God.

GATECHISM.

Rehearse the articles of your belief. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOING TO FIND JESUS.

A GENTLEMAN met a little girl hurrying along one Sunday morning. "Where are you going so fast, little girl?" he asked. "I am going to Sunday-school, sir," said she.
"What are you going to Sunday-school for?" he asked.
"Oh, to find Jesus," said the child.
Yes, Jesus can be found in the Sunday-school. He is certainly there.