

MY SHIP AND I.

Oh, it's I that am the captain of a tidy little ship,  
Of a ship that goes a-sailing on the pond;  
And my ship it keeps a-turning all around and all about;  
But when I'm a little older, I shall find the secret out  
How to send my vessel sailing on beyond.

For I mean to grow as little as the dolly at the helm,  
And the dolly I intend to come alive;  
And with him beside to help me, it's a-sailing I shall go,  
It's a-sailing on the water, when the jolly breezes blow,  
And the vessel goes a divie-divie-dive.

Oh, it's then you'll see me sailing through the rushes and the reeds,  
And you'll hear the water singing at the prow;  
For beside the dolly sailor, I'm to voyage and explore;  
To land upon the island where no dolly was before,  
And to fire the penny cannon in the bow.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON XI. [Sept. 14.]

LOVING AND OBEYING GOD.

Deut. 30. 11-20. Memorize vs. 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.—1 John 5. 3.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where were the Israelites camped? On the plains of Moab. Where was this? Across Jordan from Jericho. How old was Moses? One hundred and twenty years old. What had he written for them? The law of the Lord. Where did he want to have it written? On their hearts. Could he do this? No. How can it ever be done? By doing the law of the Lord. What must first be in the heart? Love. Where did he say they need not go for the Lord's word? To heaven, or beyond the sea. Where were they to look for it? In their own hearts. What did he say was set before them? Life and death. What brings life? Good. And death? Evil. Whom did Moses make captain? Joshua.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Deut. 30. 11-20.  
Tues. Read about the man who obeys the law of the Lord. Psa. 1.

Wed. Read Paul's words about faith. Rom. 10. 6-9.

Thur. Learn the Golden Text.

Fri. Read the Lord's words to those who obey. Matt. 5. 1-12.

Sat. Read the Lord's words to those who do not obey. Luke 6. 49.

Sun. Read a beautiful chapter about the Lord's land. Isa. 35.

LESSON XII. [Sept. 21.]

THE DEATH OF MOSES.

Deut. 34. 1-12. Memorize verses 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord spake unto Moses face to face.—Exod. 33. 11.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What did Moses finish? The writing of the law. Where was it placed? In the side of the ark. Where was Moses going? Into the other world. Who had called him? God. What did he give the people? A song and a blessing. Where did he go? Up into Mount Nebo. What did God show him there? All the land of Canaan. What did God say? That Moses should see the land, but that he should not enter it. What became of Moses? God took him home. Where was his body buried? In a valley in the land of Moab. Who buried it? The Lord, by his angels. Did any man know just where? No man. Who took Moses' place? Joshua. How long did they mourn for Moses? Thirty days.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson chapter. Deut. 34.

Tues. Read Moses' last talk to the people. Deut. 31.

Wed. Read the song of Moses. Deut. 32.

Thur. Read the blessing of the twelve tribes of Israel. Deut. 33.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Learn a verse to remember all your life. Deut. 33. 27.

Sun. Find what John's gospel says of Moses. John 1. 17.

SIGNAL LIGHTS.

I once knew a sweet little girl called Mary. Her papa was the captain of a big ship, and sometimes she went with him to sea.

One day, on one of these trips, she sat on a coil of rope watching old Jim clean the signal lamps.

"What are you doing?" she asked.  
"I am trimming the signal lamps," said old Jim.

"What are they for?" asked Mary.  
"To keep other ships from running into us, miss; if we do not hang out our lights we might get wrecked."

Mary watched him for some time, and then she ran away, and seemed to forget all about the signal lights; but she did not, as was afterward shown.

The next day she came to watch old

Jim trim the lamps, and after he had seated her on a coil of rope he turned to do his work. Just then the wind carried away one of the cloths, and old Jim began to swear awfully. Mary slipped from her place, and ran into the cabin; but she came back shortly and put a folded paper into his hand. Old Jim opened it, and there, printed in large letters—for Mary was too young to write—were these words:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

"What is this, Miss Mary?"

"It is a signal light, please. I saw that a bad ship was running against you, because you did not have your signal light hung out, so I thought you had forgotten it," said Mary.

Old Jim bowed his head, and wept like a child. At last he said:

"You're right, missie; I had forgotten it. My mother taught me that very commandment when I was no bigger than you; and for the future I will hang out my signal lights, for I might be quite wrecked by that bad ship, as you call these oaths."

Old Jim has a large Bible now, which Mary gave him, and on the cover he has printed, "Signal Lights for souls bound for Heaven."

THE BOY WHO LAUGHS.

I know a funnny little boy,  
The funniest ever born;  
His face is like a beam of joy,  
Although his clothes are torn.

I saw him tumble on his nose,  
And waited for a groan;  
But how he laughed! Do you suppose  
He struck his funny bone?

There's sunshine in each word he speaks;  
His laugh is something grand;  
Its ripples overrun his cheeks  
Like waves on snowy sand.

He laughs the moment he awakes,  
And till the day is done;  
The schoolroom for a joke he takes;  
The lessons are but fun.

No matter how the day may go,  
You cannot make him cry;  
He's worth a dozen boys, I know,  
Who pout and mope and sigh.

—Wide Awake.

One does not need to try hard to be good. Simply do not in the least degree let yourselves be bad. That is sometimes hard to do, for there are a great many things that tempt children and grown people to do wrong. Then both grown people and children must ask God to fight the battle, and he will surely do it and win if they will stand "on the Lord's side."