

## FROGS AT SCHOOL.

By George Cooper.

Twenty froggies went to school,  
Down beside a rushy pool;  
Twenty little coats of green,  
Twenty vests, all white and clean.  
"We must be in time," said they;  
"First we study, then we play;  
This is how we keep the rule  
When we froggies go to school."

Master Bullfrog, grave and stern,  
Called the classes in their turn;  
Taught them how to nobly strive,  
Likewise how to leap and dive;  
From his seat upon the log  
Showed them how to say "Ker-chog!"  
Also how to dodge a blow  
From the sticks that bad boys throw.

Twenty froggies grew up fast;  
Bullfrogs they became at last;  
Not one dunce among the lot,  
Not one lesson they forgot;  
Polished in a high degree,  
As each froggie ought to be;  
Now they sit on other logs,  
Teaching other little frogs.

## LESSON NOTES.

## FOURTH QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED  
IN THE GOSPELS.

## LESSON X.—DECEMBER 9

Luke 23. 33-46. Memory verses 42, 43.  
JESUS ON THE CROSS.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Father, forgive them: for they know  
not what they do.—Luke 23. 34.

## LESSON STORY.

Oh! what a sad picture is this of our Saviour on the cross. Yet there did he choose to die that he might indeed be our Saviour. This death on a cross was considered the very lowest and worst a man could die, and always meant disgrace.

But Jesus bore it all without a murmur and even prayed God to forgive his murderers. He felt pity for the poor Roman soldiers who nailed him to the cross and cast lots for his garments.

Around him were gathered the rulers, who delighted in his agony and mocked him. On crosses on either side of him were two thieves. One railed at him to save them, but the other did not condemn Jesus for not helping them, but prayed him to commend his spirit to God. Jesus knew the poor repentant thief was sincere and assured him he would be with him in Paradise that very day.

Then darkness came over Golgotha like black night and in the temple before the high altar was the curtain torn in two. At that moment the spirit of the Son of God went back to its Heavenly Father.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Where was Golgotha? A hill outside the walls of Jerusalem.
2. What is the place where the cross stood called? Calvary.
3. What was the hill used for? Crucifixions.
4. What does that mean? Death on a cross.
5. Who was on either side of Jesus? Two thieves.
6. For whom did Jesus pray? His crucifiers.
7. What was placed above the cross? The words, "King of the Jews."
8. What was this for? Mocking.
9. What did Jesus say to the repentant thief? "To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

## LESSON XI.—DECEMBER 16.

Matt. 28. 1-15. Memory verses, 5, 6.

## JESUS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

He is risen as he said.—Matt. 28. 6.

## LESSON STORY.

Oh! blessed thought that Jesus conquered death. That his body did not stay in the dark grave but came forth beautiful and radiant. Because his body came forth so shall ours some day, and, like him, we shall then go to live forever with our Heavenly Father. It must have been a great surprise to the women who came early that Sunday morning—the first Easter morn—to the tomb of their Lord. They were frightened at first, for the glad Easter news had not a meaning for them just then. But as soon as they knew they ran to tell the disciples, and when they beheld their risen Lord their joy knew no bounds.

There were some hearts though that were not glad at the news—they who had killed him from cruel hate. They were sore distressed and were afraid to have the news go abroad. It would prove that Jesus was all he said he was. So these evil men bribed the guardians of the tomb to say that his disciples had stolen his body at night. But their wicked lie did not help the news from spreading that the crucified Jesus had indeed risen from the grave.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. When was Jesus crucified? On Friday.
2. When was his tomb found empty? The next Sunday.
3. Who came early to his grave? The three Marys.
4. Whom found they there? An angel.
5. What did the angel say? Fear not, the Lord is risen.
6. What did they do? Ran to tell the disciples.
7. Whom did they then see? The Saviour himself.
8. What did they then do? Bowed down and worshipped him.
9. What did the wicked elders and high priests do? Bribed the soldiers to say Christ's body had been stolen.

## MIND THE DOOR.

Have you ever noticed how strong a street door is, how thick the wood is, how heavy the hinges, what large bolts it has, and what a grim lock? If there was nothing of value in the house, or no thieves outside, this would not be wanted; but as you know there are things of value within, and bad men without, there is need that the door be strong; and we must mind the door, especially as to barring and bolting.

We have a house—our hearts may be called that house. Wicked things are forever trying to break in and go out of our heart. Let us see what some of these bad things are.

Who is at the door? Ah, I know him! It is Anger. What a frown there is on his face! How his lips quiver! How fierce his looks are! We will bolt the door or he will do us harm.

Who is that? It is Pride. How haughty he seems! He looks down on everything as though it was too mean for his notice. No, sir; we shall not let you in; so you may go.

Who is this? It must be Vanity, with his flaunting strut and gay clothes. He is never so well pleased as when he has fine clothes to wear, and is admired. You will not come in, sir; we have too much to do to attend to such fine folks as you.

Mind the door! Here comes a stranger. By his sleepy look and slow pace we think we know him. It is Sloth. He likes nothing better than to live in my house, sleep and yawn my life away, and bring me to ruin. No, no, you idle fellow; work is pleasure, and I have much to do. Go away; you shall not come in.

But who is this? What a sweet smile! What a kind face! She looks like an angel! It is Love! How happy she will make us if we ask her in! Come in! We must unbar the door for you.

Oh, if children kept the door of their hearts shut, bad words and wicked thoughts would not go in and out as they do. Open the door to all things good; shut the door to all things bad! We must mark well who comes to the door before we open it, if we would grow to be good men and women. Keep guard; mind the door of your hearts.

## THE DAISIES.

At evening when I go to bed  
I see the stars shine overhead,  
They are the daisies bright  
That dot the meadow of the night.

And after while I'm dreaming so,  
Across the sky the moon will go;  
It is a lady sweet and fair  
Who comes to gather daisies there.

For when at morning I arise  
There's not a star left in the skies.  
She's picked them all and dropped  
them down  
Into the meadows of the town.