

THE BOY WHO HELPS HIS MOTHER.

"I went down the street to-day,
I saw a little lad
whose face was just the kind of face
to make a person glad.
He was so plump and rosy-cheeked,
So cheerful and so bright,
He made me think of apple time
and filled me with delight.
I saw him busily at work,
While blithe as blackbird's song,
His merry, mellow whistle rang
The pleasant street along.
"Oh, that's the kind of lad I like!"
I thought, as I passed by,
These busy, cheery, whistling boys
make grand men by-and-bye."
And then a playmate came along,
And leaned across the gate,
I knew the plan that promised lots of fun
and frolic to relate.
The boys are waiting for us now,
So hurry up," he cried.
The little whistler shook his head,
And, "Can't come," he replied.
"Can't come? why not, I'd like to know?"
"What hinders?" asked the other.
"Why, don't you see?" came the reply.
"I'm busy helping mother.
She's lots to do, and so I like
to help her all I can;
I've no time for fun just now,"
said this dear little man.
"I like to hear you talk like that,"
told the little lad;
"Help mother all you can, and make
her kind heart light and glad."
"Does me good to think of him,
and know that there are others
who, like this manly little boy,
take hold and help their mothers."
—Selected.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS.

BO. 1729.] **LESSON II.** [April 8.
DI CORD IN JACOB'S FAMILY
Gen. 37. 1-11. Memory verses, 3, 4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

See that ye fall not out by the way.—
Gen. 45. 24.

OUTLINE.

1. The Beloved Son, v. 1-4.
2. The Youthful Seer, v. 5-11.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read lesson verses from your Bible.

Tues. Learn to what envy leads. Jas. 3. 16.
Wed. Learn what comes of jealousy. Sol Song 8. 6.
Thur. Learn the Golden Text.
Fri. Find some important dreams in the Bible.
Sat. Try and learn why Joseph was a favourite son.
Sun. Learn how to get rid of envy and strife. Rom 13. 14.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where did Jacob now live? How many sons had he? Which one was the favourite? What was his mother's name? Rachel. What kind of a boy was Joseph? What was he doing in the field one day? How old was he then? What did he tell his father? How did his brothers feel toward him? How did they treat him? What was Joseph's dream about the sheaves? What did it mean? What was his next dream? What did this mean? What did these dreams cause?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

Something that love does not do. 1 Cor. 13. 4.
Who tells me to love my brother? 1 John 4. 21.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

May we all hope for the grace of God? Yes, through the Saviour who was promised when our first parents fell into sin.

BO. 1729.] **LESSON III** [April 15.
JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT.
Gen. 37. 23-36. Memory verses, 26-28

GOLDEN TEXT.

Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good.—Gen. 50. 20.

OUTLINE.

1. The Missing Son, v. 23-30.
2. The Mourning Father, v 31-36.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read about a wicked plot. Gen. 37. 12-22.
Tues. Read lesson verses from your Bible.
Wed. Learn who else was sold for silver. Matt. 26. 14-15.
Thur. Learn what kept Joseph calm and happy. Gen. 39. 21.
Fri. Learn what the wicked may expect. Psalm 37. 12, 13.
Sat. Tell someone all you have learned about Joseph.
Sun. Try to think of ways in which Joseph was like Christ.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where was Joseph sent one day by Jacob? What did the brothers talk about when they saw him coming? What did Reuben beg them not to do? What did they finally do? Who came that way soon after? Where were they going?

What did Judah say? What was done with Joseph? Where did he go? Who was troubled when he came to the pit? Why? What did the brothers do with Joseph's coat? What did Jacob say when he saw it? For whom did he mourn?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That "Thou God seeest me"—Gen. 16. 13.
That God does not forget his children. Psalm 9. 12

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How may we be saved from sin? Only through Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God.

What did our Lord Jesus Christ do to save us? He was made man, suffered death in our stead, rose again from the dead, and went up into heaven.

HABIT.

THERE was once a horse that used to pull around a sweep which lifted dirt from the depths of the earth. He was kept at this business nearly twenty years, until he became old blind, and too stiff in the joints to be of further use; so he was turned into a pasture, and left to crop the grass without anyone to disturb or bother him. But the funny thing about the old horse was that every morning, after grazing awhile, he would start on a tramp, going round and round in a circle just as he had been accustomed to do for so many years. He would keep it up for hours, and people often stopped to look and wonder what had got into the head of the venerable animal to make him walk around in such a solemn way when there was no earthly need of it. But it was force of habit, and the boy who forms bad or good habits in his youth will be led by them when he is old, and will be miserable or happy accordingly. Think of that, boys, when you want to light a cigarette.

WILLIE'S LESSON.

"Why, Willie," said mamma to her little son, "I saw you throw a stone at that little Tommie Brown. Why did you do that?"
"Because," said Willie, "I wanted to make him run."
"What a naughty boy!" exclaimed his mother; "how would you like to have some bad boys throw stones at you? Do you think you would like it?"
"No," replied Willie.
"Then don't ever do it again. The Bible tells us, 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.' Now, that means that if you would not like to have others throw stones at you, then you should not throw stones at others. Do you understand?"
"Yes," replied Willie. And he felt very sorry for what he had done, and made up his mind to ask Tommie Brown at school next day to forgive him for it.