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The Mother and Her Child

The whole world once to a mother came
To buy her child away;
There were rich and poor, there were great
and small,
There were wise men old and gray.

"The world and its treasures, all, wilt take?
Its gold, its castles and lands?"
"The world", she replied, "could purchase
not
The touch of my baby's hands."

So the world returned to its wealth and pride,
To sail its ships on the deep;
But none were happy as she who sat
Singing her babe to sleep.

From Heaven to Earth

"The Messiah came to earth;
But so lowly was His birth,
That His majesty from us was concealed."

So runs the children's hymn; and the
Lessons for the first half of this year tell how
that majesty made itself known.

In the three months now beginning, we
see, first, John the Baptist, who rebuked
men so boldly for their sins, pointing two
of his own disciples to Jesus, His cousin
from Galilee, as the "Lamb of God". They
immediately follow Jesus, and others are
gathered in. Then this Jesus from Galilee
cleanses the temple of wicked men, and calls
it His Father's house—meaning God's. By
His words to a ruler who sought Him by
night, and to a woman whom He met at a
well at noonday; by healing a nobleman's

boy, and a man who had been helpless for
thirty-eight years; by feeding a great mul-
titude with five small loaves and two small
fishes, and by the wonderful words He
spoke afterwards; and then by giving sight
to a man born blind:—in these ways He
showed that He came from God, that He
knew God, and that, in truth, He was God.

The Children and the Church Service

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

We all admit the necessity of inculcating
in our children such habits as honesty,
cleanliness and consideration for others.
Has it occurred to us to add church-going
to the list? In after years, when cares and
pleasures encroach on the spiritual life, a
well developed habit of letting nothing but
strict necessity prevent our attending the
worship of God in His house, will be one of
the greatest safeguards towards keeping us,
although in the world, yet not of it.

More or less, children take their opinions
from their elders. If church, therefore, is
a weariness of the flesh to these, or the ser-
vice and sermon merely an opportunity for
criticism, too soon the little ones will tire of
going.

But, if they see at home an appreciation
and love of divine worship, it will likely
develop in them the spirit which says, "May
I go"? instead of, "Must I go"?

But it must be taken into consideration,
that, however well and reverently children
have been taught to behave, so long a period
of enforced quietude as a church service
is a severe strain on their patience. The